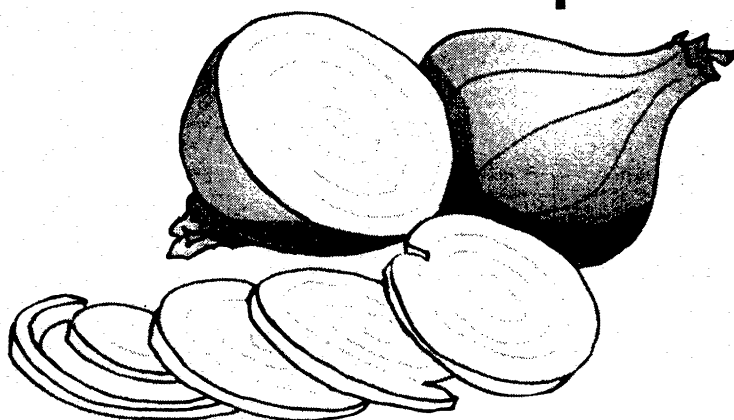


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SHIPMENTS OF ONIONS, DRY - U.S. - BY - 400 CWT
May 2003 Thru April 2004

STATES		2003					2004							
		MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	TOTAL
IDAHO/OREGON	RI & Pb	0	0	0	0	183	479	578	675	606	318	227	39	3105
	Truck	13	5	5	517	2703	3217	2166	2516	2682	2284	2303	296	18707
	Tr-Export	1	0	0	7	43	127	148	115	141	80	113	40	815
TOTAL		14	5	5	524	2929	3823	2892	3306	3429	2682	2643	375	22627
Arizona	Piggyback	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Truck	598	164	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	763
California														
Central	RI & Pb	3	167	362	242	16	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	804
	Truck	116	2303	3066	2026	313	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7824
	Tr-Export	0	0	145	223	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	372
Imperial Valley	Piggyback	318	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	454
	Truck	2444	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	859	3477
Southern	RI & Pb	4	3	13	12	14	10	1	15	2	3	2	4	83
	Truck	0	0	100	934	698	578	466	272	446	357	396	36	4283
Colorado	Truck	0	0	265	1768	1118	1092	941	842	649	188	46	0	6909
Georgia	Truck	1765	896	335	116	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1130	4245
Michigan	Truck	0	0	0	29	243	352	355	379	428	328	183	17	2314
New Mexico	Truck	210	2528	4102	1379	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8246
New York	Truck	6	0	0	93	693	863	833	965	907	858	972	532	6722
OREGON														
Hermiston	Truck	11	0	24	131	96	212	196	168	155	236	196	226	1651
	Tr-Export	1	0	9	39	71	20	31	17	37	22	3	22	272
Other	RI & Pb	0	0	0	3	11	2	4	53	22	15	12	0	122
Texas	Piggyback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Truck	2606	1432	583	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	3471	8564
Utah	RI & Pb	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
	Truck	0	0	0	54	217	426	431	302	283	86	0	0	1799
Washington	RI & Pb	0	3	7	37	74	116	86	28	21	47	26	0	445
	Truck	276	449	901	1650	1484	1303	1040	1616	1677	1869	1914	596	14775
	Tr-Export	32	40	150	359	589	953	907	832	865	673	494	161	6055
Wisconsin	Truck	0	0	0	0	291	384	303	265	343	265	170	0	2021
TOTAL U.S.		8404	8268	10069	9787	8891	10146	8492	9062	9264	7629	7361	7468	104841
IMPORTS*														
Brazil		0	0	0	0	8	0	5	16	8	0	0	0	37
Chile		192	20	4	1	1	0	0	26	363	94	102	65	868
China		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ecuador		0	0	0	11	31	49	50	21	0	0	0	0	162
Guatemala		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Honduras		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2512	3	2515
Mexico		975	381	86	22	10	30	4	14	134	1245	0	2502	5403
Netherlands		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
New Zealand		24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Panama		0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Peru		8	0	0	34	194	482	482	414	206	45	0	0	1865
TOTAL		9603	8669	10162	9858	9140	10707	9033	9553	9975	9013	9979	10038	115730

* Import data in this table is from areas where Market News offices are located near ports or border crossing points. More complete data may be found in the annual "Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Shipments" FVAS or from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Onions: Area Planted & Harvested by Season, State, and United States, 2001-2003

Season	:	Area Planted			:	Area Harvested						
and	:	-----										
State	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003
	:	Acres										
Spring	:											
AZ 1/	:	3,100		1,600		1,500		3,000		1,500		1,500
CA	:	6,400		6,400		6,900		6,200		6,200		6,700
GA	:	14,500		14,700		14,000		13,500		11,500		12,500
TX	:	15,200		16,200		12,800		14,200		15,000		11,000
Total	:	39,200		38,900		35,200		36,900		34,200		31,700
Summer	:											
Non-Storage	:											
CA	:	7,300		7,500		7,800		7,000		7,200		7,500
NV	:	2,900		3,300		3,100		2,900		3,300		3,100
NM	:	8,100		8,100		7,700		7,700		8,000		7,700
TX	:	2,800		3,000		2,700		2,600		2,800		2,500
WA	:	800		1,100		1,400		800		1,100		1,400
Total	:	21,900		23,000		22,700		21,000		22,400		22,200
Storage 2/	:											
CA 3/	:	31,000		31,500		34,500		29,800		30,400		33,400
CO	:	14,000		12,500		10,500		12,000		11,000		9,600
ID	:	8,000		8,100		8,400		7,800		7,900		8,200
MI	:	4,100		4,000		3,700		3,700		3,900		3,600
MN	:	230		280		280		220		250		210
NY	:	13,200		12,700		12,100		12,800		12,300		11,900
OH	:	470		470		380		470		470		380
OR	:											
Malheur	:	11,400		12,000		12,200		11,300		12,000		12,000
Other	:	5,800		5,400		6,500		5,700		5,400		6,500
UT	:	2,200		2,200		1,900		2,100		2,100		1,800
WA	:	16,000		16,000		16,000		16,000		16,000		16,000
WI	:	2,000		2,100		2,100		1,800		1,900		2,000
Total	:	108,400		107,250		108,560		103,690		103,620		105,590
Total Summer:	:	130,300		130,250		131,260		124,690		126,020		127,790
US	:	169,500		169,150		166,460		161,590		160,220		159,490
Processed 4/:	:											

1/ Includes a small amount of processing. 2/ Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 3/ Includes fresh and processed. 4/ CA only, acreage not available.

Source: Vegetables 2003 Summary – January 29, 2004 – USDA, AMS

Onions: Yield and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2001-2003

Season	:	Yield per Acre			:	Production							
and	:	-----											
State	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003	
	:	----- Cwt -----				----- 1,000 Cwt -----							
Spring	:												
AZ 1/	:	430		460		500		1,290		690		750	
CA	:	430		475		490		2,666		2,945		3,283	
GA	:	190		125		175		2,565		1,438		2,188	
TX	:	325		315		320		4,615		4,725		3,520	
	:												
Total	:	302		286		307		11,136		9,798		9,741	
Summer	:												
Non-Storage	:												
CA	:	450		480		500		3,150		3,456		3,750	
NV	:	460		560		600		1,334		1,848		1,860	
NM	:	490		550		550		3,773		4,400		4,235	
TX	:	400		350		400		1,040		980		1,000	
WA	:	360		360		370		288		396		518	
Total	:	456		495		512		9,585		11,080		11,363	
Storage 2/	:												
CA 3/	:	405		410		405		12,069		12,464		13,527	
CO	:	345		400		410		4,140		4,400		3,936	
ID	:	640		640		600		4,992		5,056		4,920	
MI	:	270		230		320		999		897		1,152	
MN	:	330		310		310		73		78		65	
NY	:	330		230		320		4,224		2,829		3,808	
OH	:	360		260		320		169		122		122	
OR	:												
Malheur	:	620		650		590		7,006		7,800		7,080	
Other	:	520		530		470		2,964		2,862		3,055	
UT	:	455		500		460		956		1,050		828	
WA	:	550		560		590		8,800		8,960		9,440	
WI	:	300		280		345		540		532		690	
Total	:	453		454		460		46,932		47,050		48,623	
Total Summer:		453		461		469		56,517		58,130		59,986	
US	:	419		424		437		67,653		67,928		69,727	
Processed 4/:										9,125		9,200	10,257

1/ Includes a small amount of processing. 2/ Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 3/ Includes fresh and processed. 4/ CA only, yield not available.

Source: *Vegetables 2003 Summary – January 29, 2004 – USDA, AMS*

Onions: Value by Season, State, and United States, 2001-2003

	:	Value										
Season	:	-----										
and	:	Per Cwt			:	Total						
State	:	-----										
	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003	:	2001	:	2002	:	2003
	:	----- Dollars -----					----- 1,000 Dollars -----					
Spring	:											
AZ 1/	:	8.00		8.35		9.89		10,320		5,762		7,418
CA	:	13.50		14.20		22.90		35,991		41,819		75,181
GA	:	27.50		32.20		34.30		70,538		46,304		75,048
TX	:	18.50		21.40		38.10		85,378		101,115		134,112
Total	:	18.20		19.90		30.00		202,227		195,000		291,759
Summer	:											
Non-Storage	:											
CA	:	13.50		12.90		13.70		42,525		44,582		51,375
NV	:	12.00		13.00		16.00		16,008		24,024		29,760
NM	:	14.40		12.50		14.50		54,331		55,000		61,408
TX	:	20.20		22.20		24.60		21,008		21,756		24,600
WA	:	19.40		23.90		33.80		5,587		9,464		17,508
Total	:	14.50		14.00		16.30		139,459		154,826		184,651
Storage 2/	:											
CA 3/	:	7.26		7.27		7.22		85,748		88,846		95,827
CO	:	12.40		14.40		14.90		43,152		53,280		51,047
ID	:	8.10		11.80		14.00		34,765		51,401		57,680
MI	:	12.20		12.50		14.50		9,748		8,963		13,369
MN	:	7.35		7.60		9.25		463		517		509
NY	:	9.70		12.40		14.90		36,598		30,430		49,885
OH	:	15.00		13.70		14.60		2,310		1,576		1,664
OR	:											
Malheur	:	9.32		9.01		12.80		50,570		56,403		73,088
Other	:	9.60		9.86		13.50		24,326		24,571		35,168
UT	:	7.70		8.40		11.70		6,422		6,611		7,874
WA	:	8.20		12.30		11.50		58,450		91,512		90,160
WI	:	8.00		8.25		8.70		3,712		3,977		5,351
Total	:	8.74		10.20		11.30		356,264		418,087		481,622
Total Summer:	:	9.85		11.00		12.30		495,723		572,913		666,273
US	:	11.40		12.40		15.00		697,950		767,913		958,032
Processed 4/:	:	5.50		5.30		5.25		50,188		48,760		53,849

1/ Includes a small amount of processing. 2/ Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 3/ Includes fresh and processed. 4/ CA only.

Source: *Vegetables 2003 Summary – January 29, 2004 – USDA, AMS*

CENTRAL ARIZONA

WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP 400-CWT

Week Ending	Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>				
10-May	0	133	133	133
17-May	0	183	183	316
24-May	0	122	122	438
31-May	0	160	160	598
7-Jun	0	119	119	717
14-Jun	3	45	48	765
TOTAL	3	762	765	

MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP 400-CWT

	Piggyback	Truck	Monthly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>				
May	0	598	598	598
June	3	164	167	765
Total	3	762	765	

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ACREAGE: California statewide acreage planted for spring-non storage onions in 2003 was 6,500 up two percent from 2002 acreage of 6,400. Harvested acreage in 2003 was 6,300.

SHIPMENTS: Fresh shipments from the Imperial Valley 2002 season totaled 4,104 400-cwt units. 2002 summer crop fresh onion shipments were down 9% from the 4,574 of the 2002 crop.

Fresh shipments of Yellows onions started shipping the week of April 12th and continued through the month of June 2003. May was the peak-shipping month with 2,762 400-cwt units.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Federal State Market News Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho, do not include "known" processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed).

The Imperial Valley reporting areas includes the following areas: Brawley, El Centro, Holtville, and Imperial.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Growers had fair weather conditions through out the season.

HARVEST: The beginning of the harvest season was slowed due to rain. As the harvest progressed conditions were more favorable and the crop was able make it in on time.

MARKETING: Yellow Jumbo opened the season at 22.50-28.00 per 50-lb sack the week of April 26th. That was the high for the marketing season. Then when other areas started harvesting prices went down to 8.00-10.00 which is where they finished the season the first week of June.

The 2003 season for Whites in the Imperial Valley started the season at 14.00-18.00 the week of May 3rd. Then they started to go down due to the other areas coming early to try and get in on the higher prices. They ended the season at 8.00-10.00 the week of June 7th.

PACKAGING: Onions were sized, sorted, graded and packed prior to shipment. 50-lb sacks remain the dominant package. Some onions were also packed in baled 2,3,5 and 10-lb consumer mesh sacks.

IMPERIAL VALLEY CALIFORNIA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
Onions Dry - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE Super Col	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE Col	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE Jbo	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE Med	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE rpkr sz
<u>2003</u>					
Apr 19	--	--	22.00-28.00	20.00	12.00-14.00
26	--	20.00-27.00	18.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	12.00
May 3	--	17.00-22.00	14.00-18.00	12.00-18.00	10.00-12.00
10	--	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	12.00-13.00	10.00
17	22.00-24.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	12.00	--
24	20.00	14.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	12.00	--
31	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	--
Jun 7	14.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	--

	50 lb sks WHITE Jbo	50 lb sks WHITE Med	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE Jbo	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE Med
<u>2003</u>				
Apr 26			9.00-12.00	7.00-8.00
May 3	14.00-18.00	10.00-14.00	" 8.00-10.00	5.00-7.00
10	12.00-16.00	8.00-12.00	6.00-8.00	4.00-6.00
17	12.00	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
24	10.00-12.00	8.00	4.00-5.00	4.00
31	10.00-12.00	8.00	4.00-5.00	3.00-4.00
Jun 7	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00

IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Onion Shipments – 2003 Crop

400-cwt

WEEKLY					MONTHLY				
Week Ending	Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Total To Date	Month	Piggyback	Truck	Monthly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>					<u>2003</u>				
Apr 12	0	46	46	46	APRIL	43	1,024	1,067	1,067
19	0	274	274	320					
26	19	432	451	771	MAY	318	2,444	2,762	3,829
May 3	42	569	611	1,382	JUNE	101	174	275	4,104
10	49	597	646	2,028					
17	86	619	705	2,733					
24	101	557	658	3,391					
31	64	374	438	3,829					
June 7	74	174	248	4,077					
14	27	0	27	4,104					
TOTAL	462	3,642	4,104		TOTAL	462	3,642	4,104	

MARKETING SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA ONIONS 2003 CROP

Acreage: California statewide acreage planted for summer-non processing onions in 2003 was 7,800, up four percent from 2002s acreage of 7,500. Harvested acreage in 2003 was 7,500, up four percent from 2002s acreage of 7,200. Yield per acre in 2003 was 500 hundredweight (cwt), an increase from 2002s 480 cwt. 2003s production was 3,750,000 cwt, and increase from 2002s production of 3,456,000 cwt.

Shipments: Fresh shipments from the San Joaquin Valley 2003 season totaled 8,986 400-cwt units. This was a 20 percent decrease from the 11,188 of the 2002 crop. Shipments began the third week of May and ended the last week of September. July was the peak shipping month with 3,573 400-cwt units.

Exports for the 2003 season totaled 372 400-cwt units. This was a two percent decrease from 2002s exports of 378.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Federal State Market News Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho, do not include "known" processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed).

The San Joaquin Valley reporting areas includes the following areas: Lodi, Ripon, Mantecaa, Modesto, Madera, Riverdale, Fresno, Watsonville, Hollister, Salinas, Santa Maria, Mendota, Stockton, Merced, Oxnard, Somis, Huron, and Bakersfield.

Crop & Weather: Harvest started the third week of May in some fields with sacks of bulbs spread in the sun for drying. Maturing onion fields were prepared for harvest. Red onions were picked in the Central Valley. Harvest activities continued through June

and were mostly complete in the Stockton area by the end of the first week of July.

Harvest continued in the rest of the San Joaquin Valley area and started to slow mid-August. By the first week in September, harvest was complete in most parts of the Valley. Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service

Marketing: Prices for Red Flat Type Jumbo in 40-lb cartons opened at \$11.00-14.00 the week of May 24th. Prices dropped to a low of \$6.00-7.00 the week of July 12. It stayed there until August 9th when it rose to \$6.00-7.90. The last report was issued during the week of August 16th at \$6.00-7.90.

The first report of 50 lb sacks of jumbo Yellows was issued during the week of June 7 at \$7.00-10.00. Prices dropped to a low of \$3.50-4.00 during the week of July 26 and remained there for about three weeks. The last report was issued during the week of September 6 at \$5.00.

Jumbo Whites opened the season at \$8.00-10.00 per 50-lb sacks the week of June 7. The last report was issued during the week of August 30 at \$5.00-6.00, which was also the second week of the lowest price of the season.

Packaging: Onions were sized, sorted, graded and packed prior to shipments. 50-lb sacks remain the dominate package for yellow and white onions. Red Flat Types were predominately packed in 40-lb cartons, with Red Globes in 25-lb sacks. Some onions were also packed in baled 2, 3, 5 and 10-lb consumer mesh sacks.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	40 LB CTNS Red Flat Type Med	40 LB CTNS Red Flat Type Jbo	25 LB SKS Red Globe Type Med	25 LB SKS Red Globe Type Lge	50 LB SKS White Med	50 LB SKS White Jbo
2003						
May 24	--	11.00-14.00	--	--	--	--
31	8.00-9.00	9.00-11.00	--	--	--	--
Jun 7	6.00-8.00	8.00-10.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-10.00
14	6.00-7.00	6.90-9.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	8.00	8.00-10.00
21	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00
28	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00
Jul 5	5.00-6.00	6.50-7.00	3.00	3.00-3.50	7.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
12	4.50-6.00	6.00-7.00	3.00	3.00-3.50	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
19	5.00-6.00	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	7.00-9.00	7.00-9.00
26	4.00-5.90	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
Aug 2	4.00-5.90	6.00-7.00	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	7.00-8.00	7.00
9	--	6.00-7.90	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.50	7.00	7.00-8.00
16	--	6.00-7.90	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00
23	--	--	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
30	--	--	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00

Week Ending	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Super Col	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Col	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Jbo	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Med	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Med
2003					
Jun 7	--	10.00-12.00	7.00-10.00	7.00-9.00	7.00-9.00
14	--	10.00	8.00	7.00-8.00	--
21	16.00	9.00-10.00	8.00	8.00-9.00	--
28	15.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	9.00	--
Jul 5	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	9.00	--
12	11.00-13.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-6.00	8.00-9.00	--
19	11.00-12.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00	--
26	8.00-12.00	4.00-5.50	3.50-4.50	7.00-7.50	--
Aug 2	7.00-8.00	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.00-7.00	--
9	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-7.00	--
16	7.00-8.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00	5.00-5.50	--
23	7.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	--
30	8.00	6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	--
Sep 6	8.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	--

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA
WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
400-CWT**

Week Ending	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Truck Export	Weekly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>					
24-May	0	38	0	38	38
31-May	3	78	0	81	119
7-Jun	41	333	0	374	493
14-Jun	41	696	0	737	1,230
21-Jun	44	574	0	618	1,848
28-Jun	35	585	0	620	2,468
5-Jul	41	508	0	549	3,017
12-Jul	72	736	46	854	3,871
19-Jul	103	846	22	971	4,842
26-Jul	100	643	32	775	5,617
2-Aug	74	610	56	740	6,357
9-Aug	62	512	43	617	6,974
16-Aug	75	541	54	670	7,644
23-Aug	53	538	46	637	8,281
30-Aug	30	273	69	372	8,653
6-Sep	8	213	4	225	8,878
13-Sep	5	100	0	105	8,983
20-Sep	2	0	0	2	8,985
27-Sep	1	0	0	1	8,986
TOTAL	790	7,824	372	8,986	

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
400-CWT**

	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Truck Export	Monthly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>					
May	3	116	0	119	119
June	167	2,303	0	2,470	2,589
July	362	3,066	145	3,573	6,162
August	242	2,026	223	2,491	8,653
September	16	313	4	333	8,986
Total	790	7,824	372	8,986	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP

Week Ending	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Total To Date
2003				
5-Jul	7	0	7	7
12-Jul	6	0	6	13
19-Jul	0	0	0	13
26-Jul	0	100	100	113
2-Aug	0	144	144	257
9-Aug	3	182	185	442
16-Aug	0	234	234	676
23-Aug	3	194	197	873
30-Aug	6	180	186	1059
6-Sep	1	192	193	1252
13-Sep	6	165	171	1423
20-Sep	5	166	171	1594
27-Sep	1	175	176	1770
4-Oct	5	171	176	1946
11-Oct	2	151	153	2099
18-Oct	0	137	137	2236
25-Oct	2	119	121	2357
1-Nov	2	81	83	2440
8-Nov	0	108	108	2548
15-Nov	1	102	103	2651
22-Nov	0	92	92	2743
29-Nov	0	83	83	2826
6-Dec	7	71	78	2904
13-Dec	5	70	75	2979
20-Dec	0	78	78	3057
27-Dec	2	53	55	3112
<u>2004</u>				
3-Jan	1	56	57	3169
10-Jan	1	108	109	3278
17-Jan	0	101	101	3379
24-Jan	1	87	88	3467
31-Jan	0	94	94	3561
7-Feb	0	93	93	3654
14-Feb	0	91	91	3745
21-Feb	2	87	89	3834
28-Feb	1	86	87	3921
6-Mar	0	99	99	4020
13-Mar	1	102	103	4123
20-Mar	0	99	99	4222
27-Mar	0	96	96	4318
3-Apr	1	18	19	4337
10-Apr	0	18	18	4355
17-Apr	1	0	1	4356
24-Apr	3	0	3	4359
TOTAL	76	4283	4359	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP**

	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Monthly Total	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>				
July	13	100	113	113
August	12	934	946	1059
September	14	698	712	1771
October	10	578	588	2359
November	1	466	467	2826
December	15	272	287	3113
<u>2004</u>				
January	2	446	448	3561
February	3	357	360	3921
March	1	396	397	4318
April	5	36	41	4359
Total	76	4283	4359	

2003 CROP

ACREAGE: There were 10,500 acres of onions planted in the throughout the state of Colorado according to NASS, USDA. This was down from the 12,500 acres planted in 2002. Of the 10,500 acres 900 were un-harvested.

SHIPMENTS: Fresh shipments from the North and East Point Colorado District 2003 season totaled 5958-400-cwt units. 2003 fall storage onion shipments were down 66% from the 8871 of the 2002 crop.

Fresh shipments of Yellow onions started shipping the week of July 19th and continued though the month of March 2004. August was the peak-shipping month with 1768-400 cwt units.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Federal State Market News Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho, do not include "known" processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed).

The North and East Points Colorado reporting areas includes the following counties Weld, Morgan, Adams, Pueblo, and Otero.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Growers had very warm weather conditions for most of the season, and some areas lost irrigation water early do to

drought conditions.

HARVEST: Weather conditions during harvest were seasonably normal and harvest got started around the first week of July.

MARKETING: Prices for Red Globe Type Large in 25 lb sacks opened at 5.00-6.00 the week of August 2nd. Prices peaked the week of December 20th at 10.00 and that is where they finished the season the first week of January 2004.

Yellow Jumbo opened the season at 5.00-6.00 per 50-lb sack the week of August 2nd. The market went as high as 12.00 for four weeks during January and February Then finished the season in at 11.00-12.00 the second week of February.

The 2003 season for Jumbo Whites in the North and East Points Colorado District started the season at 8.00-9.00 the week of August 2nd. They finished the season at the peak of 10.00-13.00 the first week of November.

PACKAGING: Yellow and white onions are packed in 50-lb mesh sacks, reds are packed in 25-lb mesh sacks.

NORTH AND EAST POINTS COLORADO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	50 lb sks YELLOW Super Colossal	50 lb sks YELLOW Colossal	50 lb sks YELLOW Jumbo	50 lb sks YELLOW Medium	50 lb sks YELLOW Repacker Sz	50 lb sks WHITE Large	50 lb sks WHITE Medium	25 lb sks RED Large	25 lb sks RED Medium
<u>2003</u>									
Aug 2	--	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
9	--	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.50	8.00-10.00	8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
16	--	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	7.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	5.00
23	10.00-11.00	8.00-8.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	10.00	7.00-9.00	6.00	5.00
30	10.00-11.00	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	10.00	8.00-9.00	6.00	5.00
Sep 6	10.00	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	7.00	7.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	6.00	5.00
13	10.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-9.00	6.00	5.00
20	10.00-11.00	8.00-8.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
27	10.00-11.00	8.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.50	8.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
Oct 4	10.00-11.00	8.50	7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	8.00-10.00	8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
11	10.00-11.00	8.50	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	8.00-10.00	8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
18	11.00	8.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	6.00	5.50-6.00	8.00	7.00-9.50	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
25	11.00	9.50-10.00	8.50-9.00	6.50	5.50	11.00	10.00-11.00	6.00	5.00
Nov 1	11.50-12.00	9.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.50	5.50	10.00-13.00	9.00-12.00	6.00	5.00
8	11.50-12.00	9.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.50	5.50	--	--	6.00-7.00	5.00
15	12.00	9.50-10.50	9.50	6.50	5.50	--	--	7.00-8.00	4.50-6.00
22	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	6.50-7.00	5.50	--	--	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00
29	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	6.50-7.00	5.50	--	--	8.00-9.00	5.00-7.00
Dec 6	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.00	--	--	9.00	6.00-7.00
13	12.00	10.50-11.00	9.50	7.00-7.50	6.00	--	--	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00
20	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	7.00	6.00	--	--	10.00	6.00
27	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	7.00	6.00	--	--	10.00	6.00
<u>2004</u>									
Jan 3	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50	7.00-7.50	6.00	--	--	10.00	6.00-7.00
10	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	--	--	--	--
17	15.00	13.00-14.00	12.00	8.50-9.00	8.00	--	--	--	--
24	15.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	12.00	7.00-8.00	--	--	--	--	--
31	15.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	12.00	7.00-9.00	--	--	--	--	--
Feb 7	--	13.00-15.00	12.00	9.00	--	--	--	--	--
14	--	13.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	--	--	--	--	--

NORTH AND EAST POINTS COLORADO **WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP**

Week Ending 2003	Truck	Total To Date
19-Jul	45	45
26-Jul	77	122
2-Aug	213	335
9-Aug	375	710
16-Aug	461	1171
23-Aug	425	1596
30-Aug	435	2031
6-Sep	296	2327
13-Sep	238	2565
20-Sep	251	2816
27-Sep	228	3044
4-Oct	292	3336
11-Oct	268	3604
18-Oct	243	3847
25-Oct	194	4041
1-Nov	169	4210
8-Nov	179	4389
15-Nov	188	4577
22-Nov	161	4738
29-Nov	121	4859
6-Dec	130	4989
13-Dec	135	5124
20-Dec	144	5268
27-Dec	108	5376
<u>2004</u>		
3-Jan	120	5496
10-Jan	131	5627
17-Jan	94	5721
24-Jan	41	5762
31-Jan	33	5795
		5795
7-Feb	36	5831
14-Feb	34	5865
21-Feb	21	5886
28-Feb	26	5912
6-Mar	21	5933
13-Mar	19	5952
20-Mar	6	5958
TOTAL	5958	

**NORTH AND EAST POINTS COLORADO
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP**

	Truck	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>		
July	265	265
August	1768	2033
September	1118	3151
October	1044	4195
November	664	4859
December	587	5446
<u>2004</u>		
January	349	5795
February	117	5912
March	46	5958
Total	5958	

WESTERN SLOPE COLORADO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	50 lb sks YELLOW Colossal	50 lb sks YELLOW Jumbo	50 lb sks YELLOW Medium	50 lb sks WHITE Large	50 lb sks WHITE Medium	50 lb sks RED Large	25 lb sks RED Medium
<u>2003</u>							
Nov 1	9.00	8.00	5.00-5.25	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	5.00	4.50
8	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	5.00-5.25	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	5.50-6.50	4.50
15	9.00	8.00-8.50	4.50-5.50	10.00	8.50-10.00	6.50-7.00	4.50-5.50
22	9.00	8.00-8.50	5.00-5.50	10.00	9.00	8.00	5.00-6.50
29	9.50	8.50	6.00	10.00	9.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00
Dec 6	9.50	8.50	6.00	10.00	9.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00
13	9.50	8.50	6.00	10.50-12.00	9.75-10.50	8.50	5.00-6.00
20	9.50	8.50	6.00	10.50-12.00	10.00-12.00	8.50	5.00-6.00
27	9.50	8.50	6.00	--	--	8.50	5.00-6.00
<u>2004</u>							
Jan 3	9.50-10.00	9.00	6.00	--	--	9.00	6.00
10	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.00-7.00	--	--	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.50
17	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	8.00	--	--	--	--
24	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	8.00	--	--	--	--
31	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	8.00	--	--	--	--
Feb 7	--	10.50-11.00	8.00	--	--	--	--

WESTERN SLOPE COLORADO
WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP

Week Ending 2003	Truck	Total To Date
25-Oct	48	48
1-Nov	58	106
8-Nov	35	141
15-Nov	62	203
22-Nov	72	275
29-Nov	50	325
6-Dec	77	402
13-Dec	74	476
20-Dec	67	543
27-Dec	37	580
 <u>2004</u>		
3-Jan	63	643
10-Jan	87	730
17-Jan	80	810
24-Jan	38	848
31-Jan	32	880
		880
7-Feb	19	899
14-Feb	28	927
21-Feb	13	940
28-Feb	11	951
 TOTAL	 951	

WESTERN SLOPE COLORADO
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP

	Truck	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>		
October	48	48
November	277	325
December	255	580
<u>2004</u>		
January	300	880
February	71	951
March		951
April		951
 Total	 951	

MARKETING GEORGIA (VIDALIA DISTRICT) ONIONS 2003 CROP

Production - The Vidalia District production area is located in the southeastern section of the state. The Georgia Department of Agriculture first defined the production area in 1986 to include all or parts of approximately twenty southeastern counties. Legislation requires onions to be of the granex type in order to carry the Vidalia sweet onion label. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, harvested onion acreage in 2003 was established at 13,500. In 2002, harvested acreage was 11,500. Yield per acre amounted to 190 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to 125 cwt. a year ago according to Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service. Total production in 2003 amounted to 2,565,000 cwt. compared to 1,438,000 cwt. a year earlier according to Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service. Prices per cwt. averaged \$27.50 in 2003 compared to \$32.20 per cwt. in 2002. The value of Georgia onions produced in 2003 amounted to about 70.54 million dollars compared to about 46.30 million dollars a year earlier according to Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service.

Weather and Crop – Most producers have their planting schedule spread out over an extended period of time. The planting season first begins for many producers in September with seed bed preparation. Transplanting will begin as early as mid October and end by as late as early March. The majority of the producers attempt to have most of their crop planted by late December-early January. Excessive rains over most of the winter and into the spring

resulted in significant yield reduction (from expectations) and increased cullage as the onions were graded and packed. Initial harvest occurred in early April with very light shipments recorded for the week ending April 12. Shipments during April were held back by the unfavorable growing conditions which had slowed crop progress. The harvest was at peak production through mid May. Most producers were finished with their harvesting by June 1, although a few dragged on later.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report of the season was issued on April 17, 2003. Opening prices for yellow granex type jumbo size in 40 lb cartons were mostly \$22.00-24.00. Prices declined to mostly \$16.00 on May 9. Price rose on May 23 to mostly \$16.00-18.00 as demand remained moderate to good for most of the peak harvest period in response to a smaller crop than anticipated prior to harvest. During most of June onions were shipped from cold storage units at a much lighter level than usual due to the smaller crop and strong movement of available supplies during the May harvesting period. These “cold storage” supplies were packed by producers during the harvest season in their usual effort to combat the normal demand glut following the first few weeks of the promotional shipping in late April and early May. By the end of June, prices had gradually increased to \$22.00 as onions were now being shipped totally from storage.

Shipments from July on came primarily out of controlled atmosphere (CA) storage facilities. Due to limitations of supplies combined with average demand or better during the prior months, a much smaller percentage of the crop was placed into CA storage facilities. Following the Independence Day

holiday prices were mostly \$24.00-26.00 for the remainder of the f.o.b. marketing period. The last f.o.b. was issued on August 11 with a price of \$26.00. After that date supplies were in too few hands to establish a market.

Transportation – Onions from the Vidalia District are marketed and shipped commercially by truck. There is also a considerable amount marketed via roadside stand and mail order. Commercial truck shipments reported by principal sales agents and packinghouse personnel is the only feasible method in which data is collected. Shipments for the 2003 crop totaled 3,552 truckload equivalents. The Georgia onion industry considers a truckload to contain 1,000 40 lb cartons. Shipments for the 2002 crop totaled 3,575 truckload equivalents. The peak of the 2003 shipping season ran for the week ending May 3 through the week ending May 31 when 1,932 truckload equivalents were shipped. This accounted for about 54 percent of the total volume. Georgia onions were transported throughout the country.

The collection of truck shipments during the 2003 CA marketing season ran from approximately the week ending July 5 through the week ending September 6. Shipments for this period totaled 476 truckload equivalents. The 2002 CA marketing season totaled 978 truckload equivalents and ran from approximately June 10 to September 21.

Packaging – The most widely used package in 2003 was the 40 lb carton containing jumbo size onions.

GEORGIA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	Controlled Atmosphere 40 LB CTNS Yellow Granex U.S. One Jbo	40 LB CTNS Yellow Granex U.S. One Jbo	Sacks 8 5-lb mesh bags Yellow Granex U.S. One Med
2003			
Apr 19	--	22.00-24.00	--
26	--	22.00-24.00	--
May 3	--	18.00-22.00	--
10	--	16.00-18.00	--
17	--	16.00	--
24	--	16.00-18.00	--
31	--	16.00-18.00	13.50-15.00
Jun 7	--	18.00	13.50-16.00
14	--	20.00	15.00-16.00
21	--	20.00-22.00	16.00-17.00
28	--	22.00	16.00-18.00
Jul 5	--	22.00-24.00	16.00-18.00
12	--	24.00	16.00-18.00
19	24.00-26.00	24.00	--
26	24.00-26.00	--	--
Aug 2	24.00-26.00	--	--
9	24.00-26.00	--	--
16	26.00	--	--

GEORGIA
WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
400-CWT

Week Ending <u>2003</u>	Truck	Total To Date
12-Apr	1	1
19-Apr	81	82
26-Apr	188	270
3-May	369	639
10-May	455	1,094
17-May	451	1,545
24-May	366	1,911
31-May	291	2,202
7-Jun	255	2,457
14-Jun	228	2,685
21-Jun	217	2,902
28-Jun	174	3,076
5-Jul	116	3,192
12-Jul	93	3,285
19-Jul	80	3,365
26-Jul	42	3,407
2-Aug	40	3,447
9-Aug	43	3,490
16-Aug	31	3,521
23-Aug	17	3,538
30-Aug	11	3,549
6-Sep	3	3,552
TOTAL	3,552	

GEORGIA
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
400-CWT

	Truck	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>		
April	437	437
May	1,765	2,202
June	896	3,098
July	335	3,433
August	116	3,549
September	3	3,552
Total	3,552	

MARKETING IDAHO AND MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON ONIONS

2003 CROP

ACREAGE: There were 20,600 acres of onions planted in the two-state district according to NASS, USDA. This was up 2% from the 20,100 acres planted in the 2002 crop. 8,400 acres were planted in Idaho (200 acres went unharvested) and 12,200 acres planted in Malheur County, Oregon (200 acres went unharvested).

PRODUCTION: The summer storage onion production in Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon, was 12,000,000 cwt. Idaho yields were 600 cwt and Malheur County 590 cwt per acre. Production was down 7% from 2002.

Malheur County Oregon accounted for 59% of the production. That was seven million cwt of the 12 million cwt total.

The preliminary shrinkage and loss estimate from NASS was 2.2 million cwt.

SHIPMENTS: Fresh shipments for the 2003 season totaled 22,591 400-cwt units. This was down 4% from the 23,625 of the 2002 crop. Shipments started in August 2003 and continued through April, 2004. The season finished two weeks earlier than the 2002 crop. October was the peak-shipping month with 3,804 400-cwt units.

Exports for the season totaled 814 400-cwt units. This was 20% below last season's 1,021.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Market News Service, do not include "known" processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed). The Marketing Order office reported an additional 5,641 400-cwt units of known processing, through April, 2004.

PLANTING & GROWING

CONDITIONS: Planting of seeded onions started in late February which was ahead of the five year average. Most seed comes from growers in the U.S. although some is imported. The early part of the growing season April-May saw good growing conditions and average moisture, the latter part saw above average temperatures and little moisture. This caused severe stress on the onions. Also a hailstorm in the Ontario area on July 26th damaged several hundred acres. Idaho-Eastern Oregon onions are grown direct seeded and matured into ripe bulbs in five months. In the Idaho-Eastern Oregon production area, most of the yellow onions were Spanish Hybrid varieties. These seed varieties are proprietary and many individual long-day varieties are grown. Fields were irrigated regularly, although irrigation water supply was tight.

HARVEST: Onion harvest started on time in late August with weather conditions remaining hot and dry. Growers did stay well ahead of the 5 year average and finished harvest the middle of October. Generally when 25-50% of the onion tops were down (fallen over), growers began lifting. Usually after 10 days of curing, mechanical harvesters cut off tops. The weather during the final curing period was warm and dry, near ideal conditions for curing the bulbs and outer wrapper scales.

MARKETING: The start of the season saw a lot of bald onions that went to processors the bald condition was attributed to the extreme heat that hit the growing area. At the start of the season California was still shipping onions and when Idaho-Oregon and Washington came in with onions the supply outweighed the demand, then when California was through shipping prices began to increase. Prices were very strong until the majority of Mexican onion shippers got started and filled the pipeline. Onion prices for Mexican onions fell \$10.00 in one week, and the late exports to the Pacific-Rim were down significantly causing prices to finish at \$5.00-7.00.

Prices for Jumbo Yellows Spanish Hybrids 50-lb sacks U.S. No. 1 opened the season at \$6.00 the week of August 23rd. The season-low price was \$5.50 set the weeks of September 6th & 13th. The season high and closing price was \$8.00-15.00 the week of

March 27th. The closing price was 5.00-7.00 the week of April 3rd.

Large Whites opened the season at \$9.00 per 50-lb sack U.S. No. 1 the week of August 30th. Prices dropped during harvest to \$7.00-8.00. The week of January 28th prices strengthen to \$15.00, which was the season high. The closing price was \$10.00-13.00 the week of February 28th.

Large Reds opened the season at \$5.00 per 25-lb sack U.S. No. 1 the week of August 23rd. Prices remained steady during harvest. The week of March 27th prices were 9.50-10.50, which was the season high. The closing price was \$9.50-10.00 the week of April 3rd.

PACKAGING: The dry onions were sized, sorted, graded and packed just prior to shipment from the field or storage. 50-lb sacks remain the dominant package for yellow and white onions and 25-lb sacks for red onions. Cartons for food service and retail are gaining in popularity; some onions were also packed in baled 2, 3, 5 and 10-lb consumer mesh sacks in cartons.

TRANSPORTATION: There was a slight shortage of truck supplies for most of the season. Trucks hauled 83% of the crop to markets.

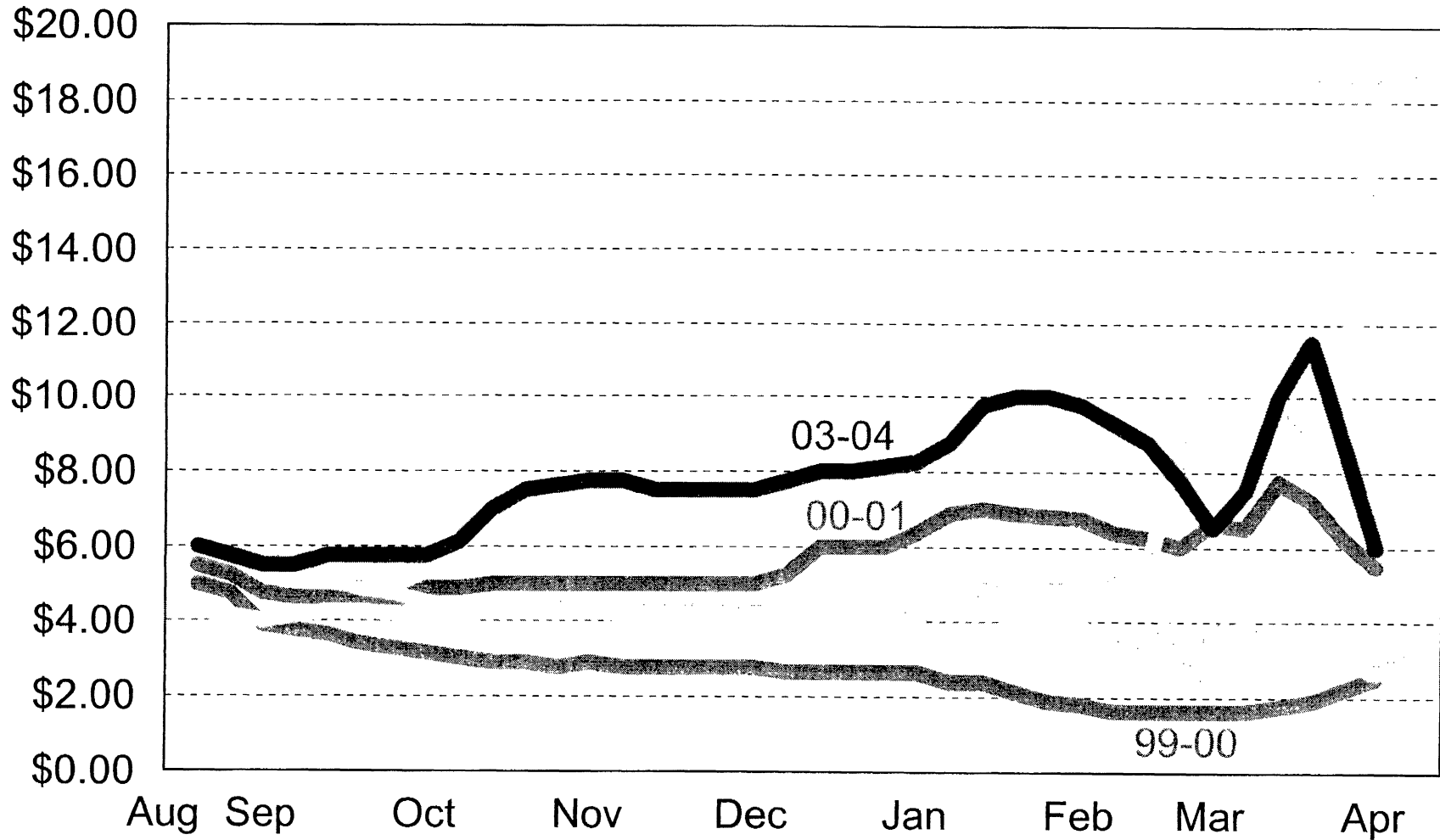
IDAHO AND MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	25 lb sks	25 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE	YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE	YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE	YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE	REDGLOBE TYPE U.S. ONE	REDGLOBE TYPE U.S. ONE	WHITE U.S. ONE	WHITE U.S. ONE
Week Ending	Super Colossal	Colossal	Jumbo	Med 2 1/4"min	Large	Med	Large	Medium
<u>2003</u>								
Aug 23	10.00-12.00	7.00-8.00	6.00	6.00-7.00	5.00	4.00	--	--
30	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00	3.50-4.00	9.00	8.00
Sep 6	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50	4.50-5.50	5.00	3.50-4.00	8.00	7.00
13	10.00	7.00-7.50	5.50	4.50-5.00	5.00	3.50-4.00	8.00	7.00
20	10.00	7.00	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50	5.00	3.00-4.00	8.00	6.00-7.00
27	10.00	7.00	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50	5.00	3.00-4.00	8.00	6.00-7.00
Oct 4	10.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.00	5.00	3.00-4.00	7.00-8.00	7.00
11	10.00	6.50-7.00	5.75-6.50	4.00	5.00	3.50	7.00-8.00	7.00
18	10.00	8.00	7.00	4.00-4.50	5.00	3.50	8.00	7.00
25	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.50	4.50	5.50-6.00	3.50	8.00	7.00-7.50
Nov 1	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.50-4.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
8	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	6.00-6.50	3.50-4.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
15	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.00	7.50	4.50-5.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00	8.00-9.00	8.00
22	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.00	7.50	4.50-5.00	7.00-7.50	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
29	10.00-11.00	8.50	7.50	4.50	7.50	4.50-5.00	9.00-10.00	10.00
Dec 6	10.00-11.00	8.50	7.50	4.50	7.50-8.00	5.00	9.00-10.00	10.00
13	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	8.00	5.00-5.50	10.00	10.00-11.00
20	10.00-11.00	9.00	8.00	5.00	8.00-8.50	5.00	10.00-12.00	12.00
27	11.00	9.00	8.00	5.00-5.50	8.50-9.00	5.00-6.00	12.00	12.00

IDAHO AND MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop (Continued)

Week Ending	50 lb sks YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE Super Colossal	50 lb sks YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE Colossal	50 lb sks YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE Jumbo	50 lb sks YELLOW SPANISH HYBRID U.S. ONE Med 2 1/4"min	25 lb sks RED 85% or Better U.S. ONE Large	25 lb sks RED 85% or Better U.S. ONE Medium	50 lb sks WHITE U.S. ONE Large	50 lb sks WHITE U.S. ONE Medium
2004								
Jan 3	11.00	9.00	8.00-8.50	5.50-6.00	8.50-9.00	6.00	12.00-13.00	12.00
10	11.00-12.00	9.50-10.00	8.50-9.00	6.00	9.00-9.50	6.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00
17	12.00	10.50-11.00	9.50-10.00	7.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	14.00	14.00
24	12.00-13.00	11.00	10.00	7.00	9.50-10.00	6.00-7.00	15.00	15.00
31	12.00-13.00	11.00	10.00	7.00	9.50-10.00	6.00-7.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
Feb 7	13.00	11.00	9.50-10.00	7.00	9.50	6.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
14	12.00-13.00	11.00	9.00-9.50	6.00-7.00	9.50	6.00-6.50	13.00-14.00	13.00
21	12.50	10.00	8.50-9.00	6.00-6.50	9.50	6.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00
28	12.50-13.00	9.50-10.00	7.00-8.50	5.50-6.50	9.50	5.50-6.00	10.00-13.00	10.00-13.00
Mar 6	12.50-13.00	9.50-10.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-6.00	9.00-9.50	5.00-6.00	--	--
13	14.00-16.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	9.50	5.50	--	--
20	16.00-19.00	11.00-14.50	8.00-12.00	4.50-8.00	9.50-10.00	5.00-6.50	--	--
27	16.00-20.00	10.00-17.00	8.00-15.00	6.00-10.00	9.50-10.50	8.00-8.50	--	--
Apr 3	12.00	6.50-10.00	5.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	9.00-10.00	--	--	--

Idaho-Oregon (Malheur County) Onion Prices 50 lb sacks - U.S. #1 - Yellow Spanish - Jumbo Size



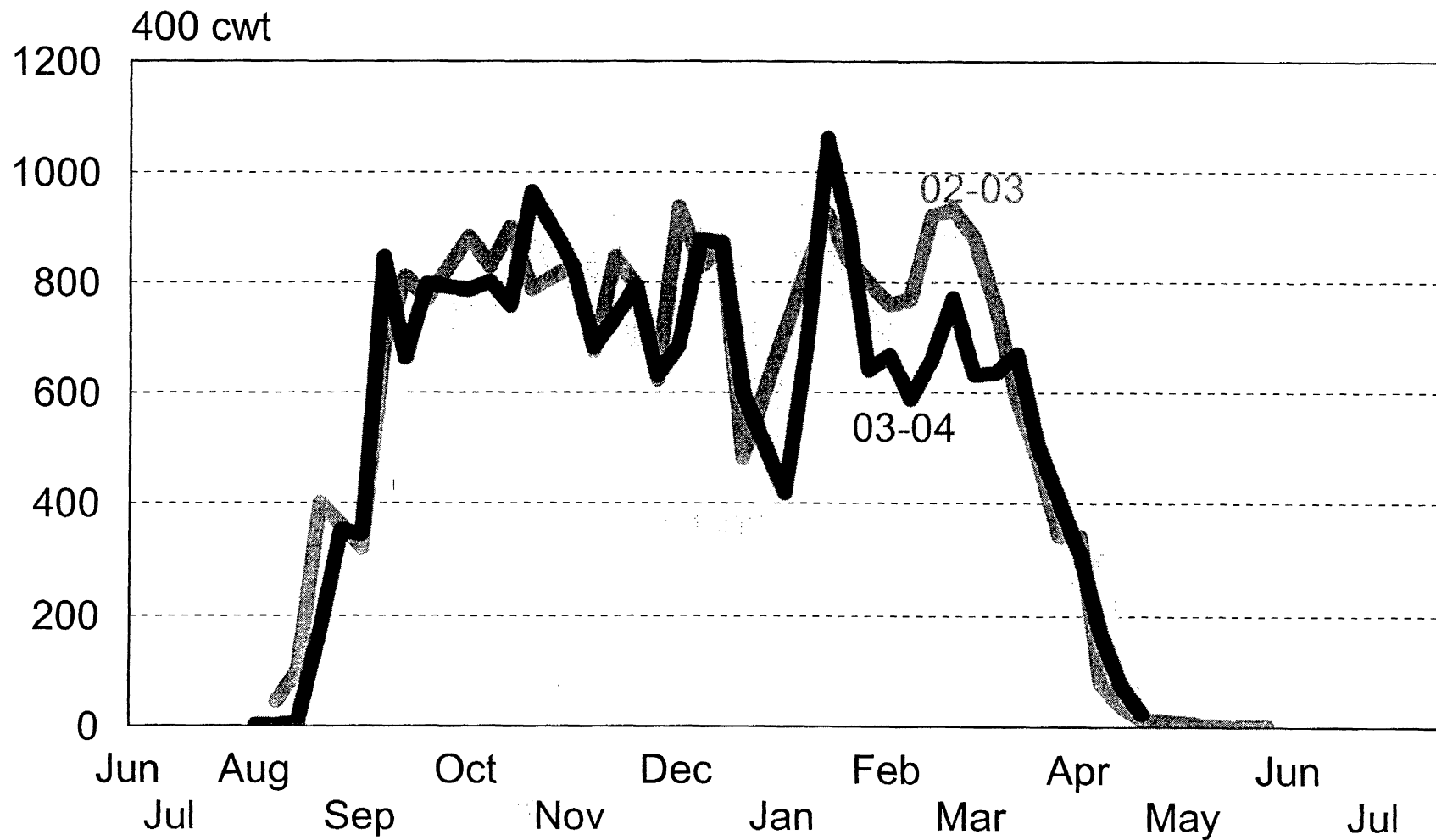
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F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

**WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - IDAHO & MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON
2003 CROP - 400 CWT**

DATE	IDAHO			MALHEUR COUNTY OREGON			TOTALS	
	RL& PB	TRUCK	TR-EXPT	RL & PB	TRUCK	TR-EXPT	WEEKLY	TO DATE
2003								
2-Aug	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
9-Aug	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
16-Aug	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	8
23-Aug	0	37	3	0	125	1	166	174
30-Aug	0	84	1	0	263	2	350	524
6-Sep	0	103	0	24	216	1	344	868
13-Sep	0	314	3	24	489	15	845	1713
20-Sep	12	230	0	33	381	7	663	2376
27-Sep	36	358	0	27	368	8	797	3173
4-Oct	27	352	11	27	361	8	786	3959
11-Oct	32	401	3	55	283	27	801	4760
18-Oct	47	338	7	33	315	18	758	5518
25-Oct	63	349	5	63	455	29	964	6482
1-Nov	94	352	13	55	297	18	829	7311
8-Nov	90	273	13	53	227	26	682	7993
15-Nov	92	310	16	67	233	18	736	8729
22-Nov	86	340	12	70	258	26	792	9521
29-Nov	65	257	6	47	226	28	629	10150
6-Dec	110	223	8	74	250	19	684	10834
13-Dec	96	371	9	62	325	13	876	11710
20-Dec	125	332	10	73	310	21	871	12581
27-Dec	45	290	11	26	209	18	599	13180
2004								
3-Jan	47	152	7	55	153	4	418	13598
10-Jan	81	270	16	96	209	10	682	14280
17-Jan	106	339	20	79	493	24	1061	15341
24-Jan	58	442	17	63	304	23	907	16248
31-Jan	53	293	7	35	233	19	640	16888
7-Feb	62	238	6	46	304	11	667	17555
14-Feb	49	236	10	33	248	12	588	18143
21-Feb	47	265	5	27	307	8	659	18802
28-Feb	39	424	14	18	262	14	771	19573
6-Mar	32	271	13	33	270	13	632	20205
13-Mar	21	302	16	32	254	10	635	20840
20-Mar	21	254	12	41	332	10	670	21510
27-Mar	6	151	7	31	292	16	503	22013
3-Apr	0	100	7	19	162	21	309	22322
10-Apr	0	28	8	27	96	11	170	22492
17-Apr	0	34	2	3	31	5	75	22567
24-Apr	0	2	0	0	20	2	24	22591
TOTAL	1642	9123	298	1451	9561	516	22591	

Idaho-Oregon (Malheur County) Onion Shipments Weekly - 2001, 2002 & 2003 Crops

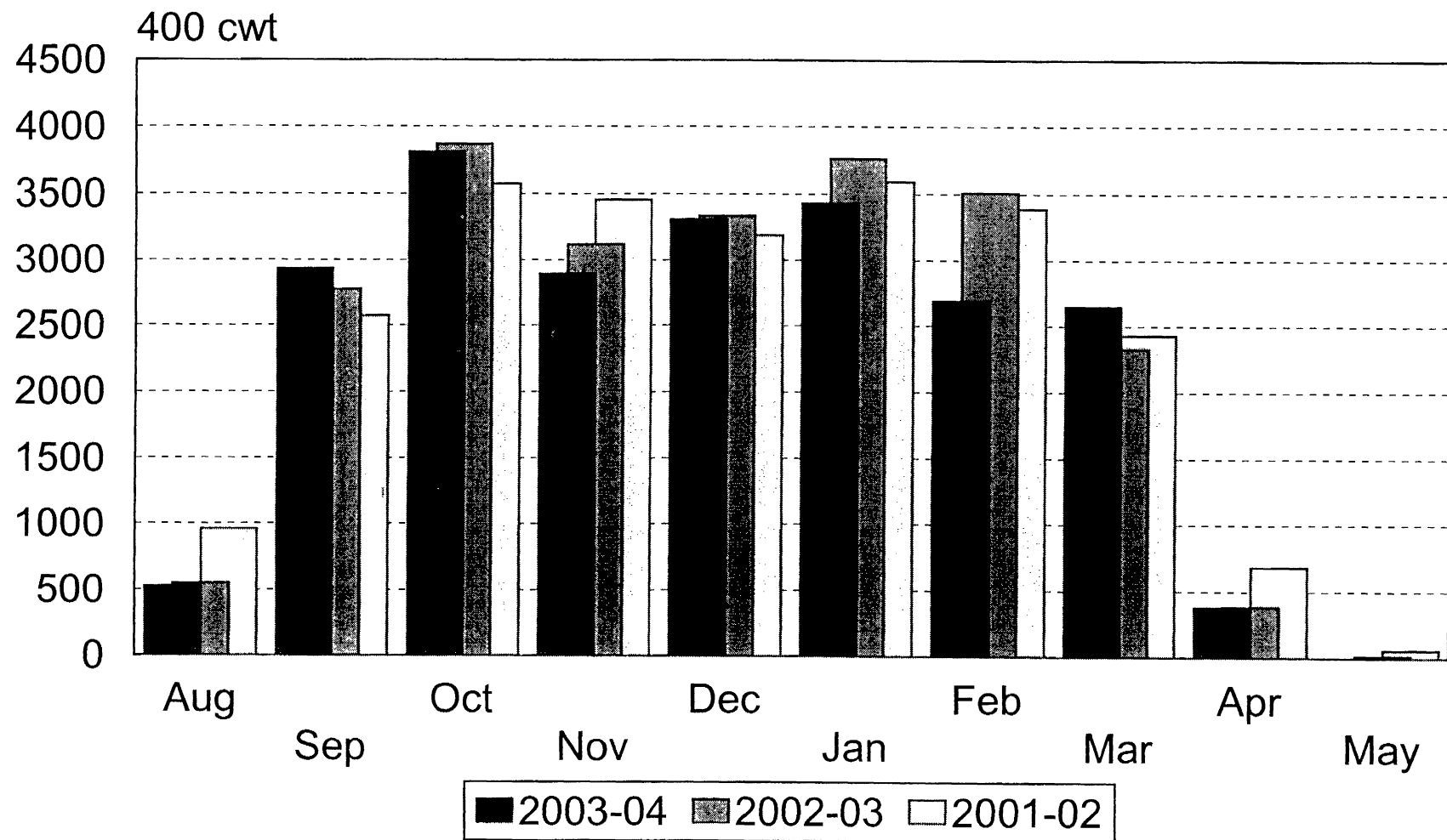


IDAHO – EASTERN OREGON ONION SHIPMENTS – BY MONTHS											
2003 Crop						400 cwt units					
	2003 AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2004 JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
IDAHO											
Rail	0	60	245	339	405	316	197	80	0		1,642
Truck	129	1,145	1,634	1,198	1,330	1,382	1,163	1,066	76		9,123
Truck Export	4	8	34	47	44	61	35	53	12		298
MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON											
Rail	0	126	215	237	273	290	124	147	39		1,451
Truck	388	1,558	1,583	968	1,186	1,300	1,121	1,237	220		9,561
Truck Export	3	35	93	101	71	80	45	60	28		516
TOTAL	524	2,932	3,804	2,890	3,309	3,429	2,685	2,643	375		22,591

IDAHO – EASTERN OREGON ONION SHIPMENTS – BY MONTHS											
2002 Crop						400 cwt units					
	2002 AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2003 JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
IDAHO											
Rail	3	54	362	373	469	414	254	69	0	0	1,998
Truck	200	1,116	1,729	1,342	1,410	1,520	1,452	867	97	13	9,746
Truck Export	1	20	66	32	42	59	51	18	17	1	307
MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON											
Rail	0	71	196	222	244	282	189	113	15	0	1,332
Truck	338	1,428	1,397	1,060	1,073	1,373	1,431	1,193	235	0	9,528
Truck Export	4	80	115	88	99	111	130	72	15	0	714
TOTAL	546	2,769	3,865	3,117	3,337	3,759	3,507	2,332	379	14	23,625

Idaho-Oregon (Malheur County) Onion Shipments

Monthly - 2001, 2002 & 2003 Crops



WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES – IDAHO-OREGON ONIONS 2003 CROP YELLOW SPANISH JUMBO – 50-LB SACKS				
WEEK ENDING	ATLANTA	BOSTON	CHICAGO	NEW YORK
<u>2003</u>				
Sep 13	--	--	--	12.00
20	--	--	10.00	11.00-12.00
27	--	--	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.50
Oct 4	--	--	9.50-10.00	10.00
11	--	--	9.50-10.00	9.50-11.00
18	--	--	9.50-10.00	11.00
25	--	12.00	11.50-12.00	12.00
Nov 1	--	12.00	11.50-12.00	11.00-12.00
8	--	12.00	11.50-12.00	11.00-12.00
15	--	12.00	12.00	10.50-12.00
22	12.00-13.00	12.00	12.00	11.00-12.00
29	12.00-13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00-13.00
Dec 6	11.50-12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00-13.00
13	11.50-12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00-13.00
20	11.50-12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00-13.00
27	11.50-12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00-13.00
<u>2004</u>				
Jan 3	12.50-13.50	12.00	12.00	12.00-12.50
10	12.00-13.00	13.00	11.00-12.50	12.00-15.00
17	14.00-15.00	14.00	12.00-13.50	14.00-17.00
24	14.00-15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00-17.00
31	14.00-15.00	15.00	14.00	13.00-16.00
Feb 7	13.50-15.00	15.00	14.00	13.00-15.00
14	13.50-14.50	14.00-15.00	14.00	13.00-14.00
21	13.50-14.50	14.00	14.00	13.00-14.00
28	13.00-14.50	13.00-14.00	14.00	11.00-13.00
Mar 6	12.50-14.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00
13	12.00-13.00	12.00-12.50	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
20	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-15.00
27	--	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-18.00
Apr 3	--	11.00-16.00	11.50-15.00	9.00-15.00
10	--	10.00-11.00	12.00	8.00-11.00
17	--	10.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	9.00-12.00

MICHIGAN ONIONS – 2003 CROP

GENERAL COMMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS: Nearly all growers experienced very good growing conditions throughout the season. Some growers expressed that their crops were the best that they had seen in recent memory. The Michigan onion deal usually runs from mid August through early April.

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION: According to NASS, planted acreage in Michigan decreased slightly from 4,000 acres in 2002, to 3,700 acres this season. Harvested acreage also decreased from 3,900 acres in 2002, to 3,600 acres this season. However, production increased significantly from 897 (1,000 cwt.) in 2002, to 1,152 (1,000 cwt.) this season. This season yields recovered from historic lows experienced for many years coming in at an average of 320 units per acre. This was an increase of nearly 30% from last season.

SHIPMENTS: The first onion shipments were reported on August 13th. Normally the month of November is the heaviest month for shipments. However, this season, January was the heaviest month when 441 loads were shipped followed by November with 390 loads. Historically, the two weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving Day holiday are the heaviest shipping weeks of the season. Surprisingly, the week ending January 17th was the heaviest of the season when 107 loads were shipped. After that date shipments began to decrease until the last shipments were reported on April 3rd, 2004, when 4 loads were shipped.

HARVESTING: Initial harvesting began in mid July. Nearly all harvesting was complete by the middle of September and it was clear to most growers that this would be a very good crop.

MARKETING: The first FOB was issued the week ending September 6th. 50 lb sacks of Yellow Globe Type medium sold for \$7.50-8.50 and 16 3-lb mesh sacks of medium 2 1/4" minimum sold for \$8.50-10.00. Prices remained nearly steady throughout much of the season. The final report was issued the week ending April 3rd, 2004, when 16 3-lb mesh sacks of medium were sold for 9.00-9.50 and repacker size sold for \$6.50-7.00.

MICHIGAN

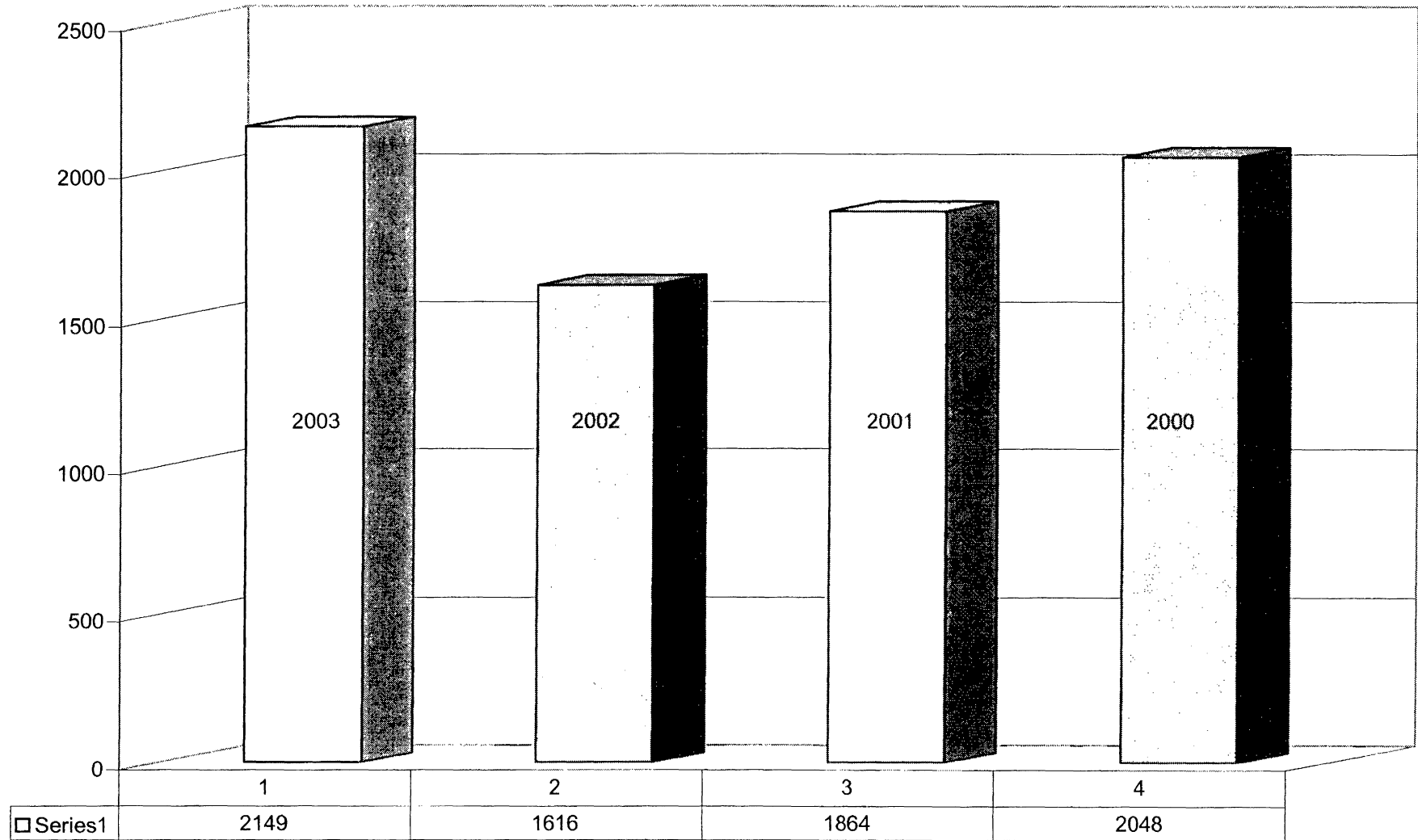
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks			50 lb sks			mstr cntr 16			mstr cntr 16			mstr cntr 16			mstr cntr 16		
	Yellow	Globe	Type	Yellow	Globe	Type	Yellow	Globe	Type	Yellow	Globe	Type	Yellow	Globe	Type	Yellow	Globe	Type
	U.S. One			U.S. One			U.S. One			U.S. One			U.S. One			U.S. One		
	med			rpkz sz			med			rpkz sz			2 1/2" up			med 2 1/4" min		
2003																		
6-Sep	7.50-8.50			--			--			--			--			8.50-10.00		
13-Sep	7.00-8.00			6.00-7.25			7.50-8.50			6.50-7.25			9.50-11.00			8.50-9.50		
20-Sep	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			9.00-10.00			--		
27-Sep	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			9.00-10.00			--		
4-Oct	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			9.00-10.00			--		
11-Oct	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
18-Oct	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
25-Oct	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
1-Nov	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
8-Nov	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
15-Nov	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
22-Nov	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
29-Nov	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
6-Dec	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
13-Dec	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			7.50-8.00			6.50-7.00			--			--		
20-Dec	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			8.00-8.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
27-Dec	6.50-7.00			5.50-6.50			8.00-8.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
2004																		
3-Jan	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			8.00-8.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
10-Jan	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			8.50-9.00			7.00-7.50			--			--		
17-Jan	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			8.50-10.00			7.00-7.50			--			--		
24-Jan	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-10.00			7.00-7.50			--			--		
31-Jan	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-10.00			7.00-7.50			--			--		
7-Feb	7.00-7.50			6.50			10.00-10.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
14-Feb	7.00-7.50			6.50			10.00-10.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
21-Feb	7.00-7.50			6.00-6.50			9.50-10.50			7.00-7.50			--			--		
28-Feb	7.00-7.25			6.00-6.25			9.50-10.00			7.00-7.50			--			--		
6-Mar	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-9.50			6.50-7.00			--			--		
13-Mar	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-9.50			6.50-7.00			--			--		
20-Mar	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-9.50			6.50-7.00			--			--		
27-Mar	6.50-7.00			6.00-6.25			9.00-9.50			6.50-7.00			--			--		
3-Apr	--			6.00-6.25			9.00-9.50			6.50-7.00			--			--		

MICHIGAN ONION SHIPMENTS

4 YEAR COMPARISON



Reported in loads

1 load = 42,500 lbs.

MARKETING SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO ONIONS
2003 CROP

ACREAGE: New Mexico statewide acreage for summer-non processing onions in 2003 was 7,700 this is down 5% from last year. Harvested acreage in 2003 was 7,700.

SHIPMENTS: Fresh shipments from the New Mexico 2003 season totaled 8,246 400-cwt units. 2003 summer crop fresh onion shipments were up 11% from the 7,419 of the 2002 crop.

Fresh shipments started the last week of May 2003 and continued through the month of September 2003. July was the peak shipping month with 4,102 400-cwt units.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Federal State Market News Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho, do not include "known" Processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed).

The Southern New Mexico reporting area includes the following areas: Las Cruces, Hatch, Demming, Anthony, New Mexico and Fabins, Texas

GROWING CONDITIONS: The Month of January was warmer then normal and very dry. Most moisture was received during the month of

February, the rest of the growing season was normal conditions

HARVEST: The 2003 onion crop started harvest the week of May 18th which was normal. There were no weather delays during harvest.

MARKETING: Prices for Red Globe Type Large in 25 lb sacks opened at \$12.00-14.00 the week of June 8th. Prices dropped to a low of \$8.00-9.00 for the last three weeks of the season.

Jumbo Yellows opened the season at \$6.50-9.00 the week of June 8th. Prices dropped to a low of \$4.50 the week of August 3rd. Yellows closed the season at \$5.00 the last week of August.

Large Whites opened the season at \$12.00 the week of June 8th. Prices dropped to \$10.00 the week of July 13th. Whites closed the season at \$14.00-16.00 the last week of August.

PACKAGING: Onions were sized, sorted, graded and packed prior to shipment. 50-lb sacks remain the dominant package for yellow and white onions. Red globe type were packaged primarily in 25-lb sacks. Some onions were also packed in 2, 3, 5 and 10-lb consumer mesh sacks.

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	25 LB SKS Red Globe Type Lge	25 LB SKS Red Globe Type Med	50 LB SKS White Jbo	50 LB SKS White Med	50 LB SKS White Rpkz Sz
<u>2003</u>					
Jun 28	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	4.00-6.00
Jul 5	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	9.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	5.00-7.00
12	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	9.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	6.00-8.00
29	4.00-5.00	4.00	9.00-10.00	8.00	5.00-7.00
26	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	7.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00
Aug 2	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	8.00	7.00	5.00-6.00
9	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.00

Week Ending	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Super Col	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Col	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Jbo	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Med	50 LB SKS Yellow Grano Type Rpkz Sz
<u>2003</u>					
Jun 28	15.00-16.00	9.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
Jul 5	14.00-15.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
12	10.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-7.00	9.00	9.00
29	10.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.50	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
26	8.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	4.25-5.00	" 7.00-8.00	7.00-9.00
Aug 2	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00
9	7.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	4.50-5.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00
16	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.50	7.00	7.00

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP 400-CWT

Ending <u>2003</u>	TRUCK	TOTAL TO Date
31-May	210	210
7-Jun	462	672
14-Jun	515	1187
21-Jun	696	1883
28-Jun	702	2585
5-Jul	709	3294
12-Jul	955	4249
19-Jul	1014	5263
26-Jul	956	6219
2-Aug	864	7083
9-Aug	512	7595
16-Aug	376	7971
23-Aug	196	8167
30-Aug	52	8219
6-Sep	21	8240
13-Sep	6	8246
TOTAL	8246	

MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP 400-CWT

<u>2003</u>	Truck	TOTAL TO Date
May	210	210
June	2528	2738
July	4102	6840
August	1379	8219
September	27	8246
Total	8246	

**NEW YORK ONIONS
(WESTERN & CENTRAL)
2003 SEASON**

GENERAL COMMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS: This season proved to be one of the best crops in many years. Quality and size were good to excellent. The Western and Central New York onion deal usually runs from mid August through early May.

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION: According to NASS, for all of New York State, planted acreage again declined this season from 12,700 acres in 2002 to 12,100 acres in 2003. Harvested acreage also decreased slightly from 12,300 acres in 2002 to 11,900 acres in 2003. This was a 3 percent decrease in harvested acreage. Yields per acre however, increased significantly this season from 210 cwt. per acre in 2002 to 320 cwt. per acre in 2003. This was a 36 percent increase that for the most part excluded Orange County, New York. Production in 1,000 cwt. in 2002 was 2,583 compared to 3,808 this season. This was a 33 percent increase.

HARVESTING: Initial harvesting of early transplanted varieties began the first week of August and was mostly complete by the end of September. Most growers reported favorable harvesting conditions.

SHIPMENTS: The first shipments were reported the week ending August 30th. Shipments increased this season by 30 percent from 3,300 loads in 2002 to 4,690 loads in 2003. Again, March was the heaviest month for shipments when 718 loads were shipped. Peak shipments were reported the week ending March 28th when 207 loads were shipped. Most growers and shippers were finished by the end of April.

MARKETING: The first FOB was issued the week ending September 20th when 50 lb sacks of medium sold for \$7.00-8.00 and 16 3-lb mesh sacks of Yellow Globe Type medium 2 1/4" minimum sold for \$8.50-9.50. Prices for yellows traded within a narrow range throughout most of the season. It wasn't until mid March that pricing began to decline slightly. Reds, however, were in even greater demand and increased steadily with 25 lb sacks of jumbos starting at \$4.50 and topping out at \$10.00. Medium reds traded in a fairly narrow range starting at \$3.50 and peaking at \$5.50. The last report was issued the week ending May 1st, when 50 lb sacks of medium yellows were sold for \$5.50-6.00 and 16 3-lb mesh sacks of yellows were sold for \$8.00-8.50.

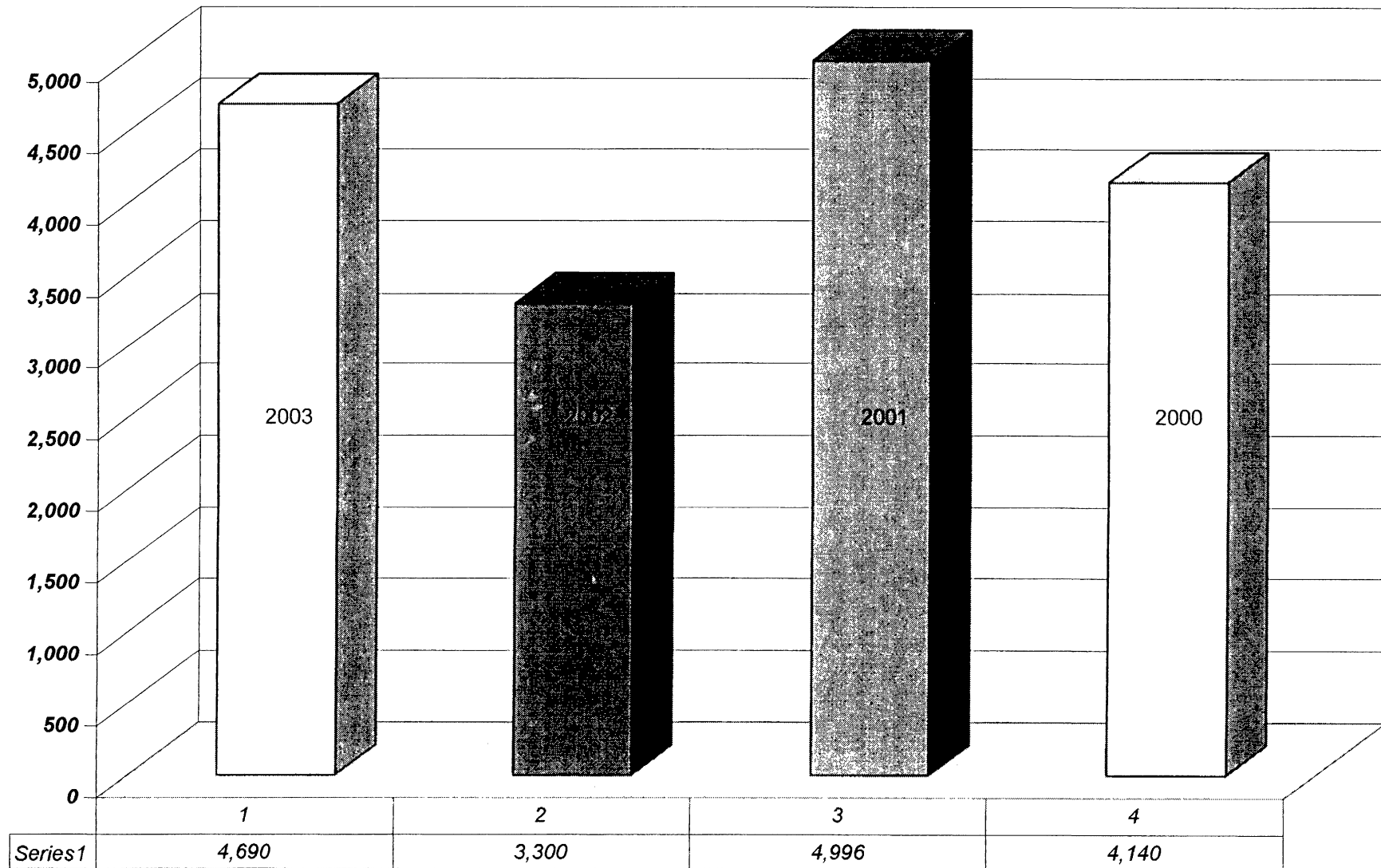
WESTERN & CENTRAL NEW YORK

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks Yellow Globe Type U.S. One med	50 lb sks Yellow Globe Type U.S. One rpkr sz	25 lb sks Red Globe Type U.S. One jbo	25 lb sks Red Globe Type U.S. One med	mstr cntr 16 Yellow Globe Type U.S. One rpkr sz	mstr cntr 16 Yellow Globe Type U.S. One med 2 1/4" min	mstr cntr 16 Yellow Globe Type U.S. One 2" min
2003							
20-Sep	7.00-8.00	--	--	--	--	8.50-9.50	8.00-9.00
27-Sep	7.00-8.00	--	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.50	8.00-9.00
4-Oct	7.00-8.00	--	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
11-Oct	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
18-Oct	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
25-Oct	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
1-Nov	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.25-6.50	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
8-Nov	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
15-Nov	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	6.50	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
22-Nov	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
29-Nov	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
6-Dec	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
13-Dec	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.50-8.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
20-Dec	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.50-8.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
27-Dec	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.50-8.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
2004							
3-Jan	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.00-8.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
10-Jan	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	7.00-8.00	4.00-5.00	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00	8.00
17-Jan	7.00-8.50	6.00-7.00	7.50-9.50	4.00-5.50	6.50-8.00	8.50-10.00	8.00-8.50
24-Jan	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	7.50-8.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-8.50
31-Jan	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	7.50-8.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-8.50
7-Feb	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	7.50-8.00	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.00
14-Feb	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	--	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.00
21-Feb	8.00-8.50	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	4.75-5.50	--	9.00-9.50	8.00
28-Feb	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	9.00-9.50	4.75-5.00	--	8.50-9.00	7.00-7.50
6-Mar	7.00-7.50	--	9.00-9.50	4.50-5.00	--	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00
13-Mar	5.50-7.50	--	8.00-9.00	4.00-4.50	--	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00
20-Mar	5.50-6.00	--	8.00-8.50	4.00-4.50	--	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00
27-Mar	5.50-6.00	--	7.50-8.50	4.00-4.50	--	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00
3-Apr	5.50-6.00	--	7.50-8.00	4.00-4.50	--	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00
10-Apr	5.50-6.00	--	7.50-8.00	4.00-4.50	--	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00
17-Apr	5.50-6.00	--	--	--	--	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00
24-Apr	5.50-6.00	--	--	--	--	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00
1-May	5.50-6.00	--	--	--	--	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00

NEW YORK (WEST AND CENTRAL) ONION SHIPMENTS



REPORTED IN LOADS
1 LOAD = 42,500 LBS.

4 YEAR COMPARISON

**NEW YORK ONIONS
(ORANGE COUNTY)
2003 CROP**

GENERAL COMMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS: GROWERS STRUGGLE THROUGH ANOTHER DEVASTATING SEASON. The "Black Dirt" region of Orange County again experienced poor growing conditions that resulted in significant losses. Early frost and heavy rains prior to and during harvest proved to be costly for many growers. Size and quality were affected with some fields abandoned. The Orange County New York onion deal usually runs from mid August through early April.

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION: According to NASS, for all of New York State, planted acreage again declined this season from 12,700 acres in 2002 to 12,100 acres in 2003. Harvested acreage also decreased slightly from 12,300 acres in 2002, to 11,900 acres in 2003. This was a 3 percent decrease in harvested acreage. Yield per acre however, increased significantly this season from 210 cwt. per acre in 2002, to 320 cwt. per acre in 2003. This was a 36 percent increase most notably in western and central areas of the state. Production in 1,000 cwt. in 2002 was 2,583 compared to 3,808 in 2003. This was a 33 % increase.

HARVESTING: Most harvesting was complete by the middle of September. However, some growers were unable to finish harvesting until mid October due to lengthy delays from untimely rains.

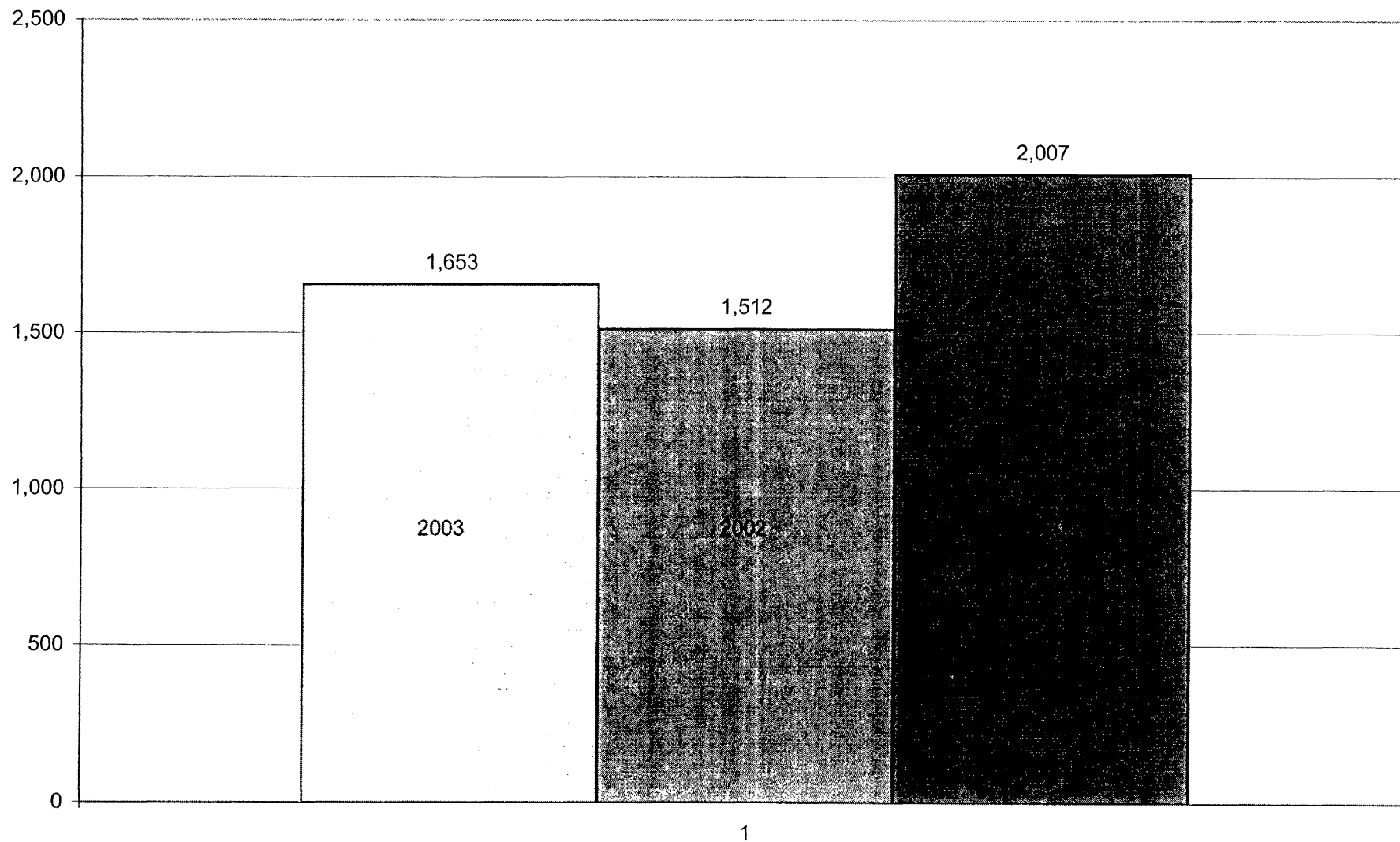
SHIPMENTS: The first shipments were reported the week ending August 30th. The heaviest month for shipments was December when 260 loads were shipped. Historically, November is the heaviest which came in at 243 loads. Peak shipments however were reported the week ending November 22nd, when 86 loads were shipped. After December volume began to taper off right through the end of the deal. The last shipments were reported shipped on March 27th, when 4 loads were shipped.

MARKETING: The first FOB was issued the first week of September when 50 lb sacks of Yellow Globe Type medium 2 ¼" minimum were sold for \$9.00-10.00 and 16 3-lb mesh sacks of medium 2 ¼" minimum were sold for \$10.00-11.00. The first Red onions were reported the following week when 25 lb sacks of jumbo were sold for \$6.00 and mediums were sold for \$5.00. While trading was within a rather narrow range throughout most of the season, prices for jumbo red onions spiked in mid January to \$9.00-10.00. The last report was issued the week ending March 27th when 50 sacks of 2" minimum were sold for \$6.00-6.50 and 16 3-lb medium 2 ¼" minimum were sold for \$9.00-9.50.

ORANGE COUNTY NEW YORK
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks YELLOW GLOBE TYPE U.S. One med 2 1/4" min	50 lb sks YELLOW GLOBE TYPE U.S. One 2" min	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE U.S. One jbo	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE U.S. One med	mstr entr 16 3-lb ms YELLOW GLOBE TYPE U.S. One med 2 1/4" min
2003					
6-Sep	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	--	--	10.00-11.00
13-Sep	9.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	10.50-11.00
20-Sep	8.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-11.00
27-Sep	8.00-9.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-10.00
4-Oct	8.00-8.50	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-10.00
11-Oct	8.00-8.50	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-10.00
18-Oct	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-9.50
25-Oct	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00	9.00-9.50
1-Nov	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
8-Nov	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
15-Nov	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
22-Nov	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
29-Nov	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
6-Dec	8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
13-Dec	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
20-Dec	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
27-Dec	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
2004					
3-Jan	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
10-Jan	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	9.00-9.50
17-Jan	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	9.00-9.50
24-Jan	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00	9.00-9.50
31-Jan	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00	9.00-9.50
7-Feb	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00	9.00-9.50
14-Feb	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	9.00-9.50
21-Feb	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	9.00-9.50
28-Feb	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	9.00-9.50
6-Mar	--	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	9.00-9.50
13-Mar	--	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	9.00-9.50
20-Mar	--	6.00-6.50	9.00-9.50	5.00-5.50	9.00-9.50
27-Mar	--	6.00-6.50	--	--	9.00-9.50

NEW YORK ORANGE COUNTY ONION SHIPMENTS



Reported in Loads
1 Load = 42,500 lbs.

Hereford-Hi Plains District Texas Onion Shipments - 2003 Crop 400-cwt					
Weekly			Monthly		
Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date	Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
12-Jul	76	76	July	228	228
19-Jul	81	157			
26-Jul	71	228	August	168	396
2-Aug	83	311			
9-Aug	66	377			
16-Aug	19	396			
Total	396		Total	396	

MARKETING SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO AREA ONIONS

2003 CROP

ACREAGE: There were 4,100 acres of onions planted in the San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo area according to NASS, USDA. This was down from the 4,500 acres planted in 2002.

SHIPMENTS: Fresh shipments from the San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District 2003 season totaled 2635-400-cwt units. 2003 summer crop fresh onion shipments were up 3% from the 2334 of the 2002 crop.

Fresh shipments of Yellow onions started shipping the week of May 10th and continued through the month of July 2003. May was the peak-shipping month with 1,453-400 cwt units.

Fresh market shipments, recorded by the Federal State Market News Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho, do not include "known" processing shipments (although some shipments may end up being processed).

The San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo reporting areas includes the following areas: Pearsall, Castroville, Devine, Knippa, Uvalde, Batesville, Jourdantan, Charlotte, Bracketville, La Pryor, Crystal City, Carrizo Springs, Quemado, Eagle Pass, Dilley and Laredo.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Wet conditions prevailed during the early part of the planting season delaying it for several weeks. After the onions were in the ground the growers had fair weather conditions for most of the season.

HARVEST: Due to the delay during planting harvest got started about 4 weeks behind normal. The weather during harvest was seasonably normal with only minimal delays due to rain.

MARKETING: Yellow Jumbo opened the season at 16.00-20.00 per 50-lb sack the week of May 10th. The first week was the peak of the market. Then when other areas started harvesting prices went down to 5.50-6.50 which is where they finished the season in mid July.

The 2003 season for Jumbo Whites in the San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District started the season at 16.00-18.00 the week of May 10th. The market stayed there for 2 weeks and then declined. They finished the season at \$8.00-12.00 the first week of June.

PACKAGING: Yellow and white onions are packed in 50-lb mesh sacks with some 1015s also packed in 40-lb cartons; reds are packed in 25-lb mesh sacks.

SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO DISTRICT TEXAS

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	WHITE	WHITE
	TYPE	TYPE	TYPE	TYPE	TYPE	TYPE	TYPE
	Super Colossal	Colossal	Jumbo	Medium	Rpkr Size	Medium	Jumbo
<u>2003</u>							
May 10	--	22.00	16.00-20.00	10.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	12.00	16.00-18.00
17	28.00-30.00	20.00-22.00	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	9.00-12.00	12.00	16.00-18.00
24	25.00-28.00	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00	11.00-12.00	10.00	10.00	14.00-16.00
31	20.00-22.00	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	6.00-12.00	10.00-14.00
Jun 7	--	14.00-16.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	8.00-12.00
14	--	--	9.00	7.00-9.00	--	--	--
21	--	--	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	--	--	--
28	--	--	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	--	--	--
Jul 5	--	--	6.00-7.00	8.00-9.00	--	--	--
12	--	--	5.50-6.50	8.00-9.00	--	--	--

San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District Texas Onion Shipments - 2002 Crop 400-cwt					
Weekly			Monthly		
Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date	Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
10-May	273	273	May	1453	1453
17-Jan	410	683			
24-Jan	474	1157	June	1058	2511
31	296	1453			
			July	124	2635
7-Jun	298	1751			
14	234	1985			
21	219	2204			
28	273	2477			
5-Jul	139	2616			
12	19	2635			
Total	2635		Total	2635	

Trans-Pecos District Texas					
Onion Shipments - 2003 Crop					
400-cwt					
Weekly			Monthly		
Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date	Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
17-May	48	48	May	144	144
24-May	48	96			
31-May	48	144	June	374	518
7-Jun	124	268	July	231	749
14-Jun	117	385			
21-Jun	45	430			
28-Jun	88	518			
5-Jul	72	590			
12-Jul	100	690			
19-Jul	27	717			
26-Jul	32	749			
Total	749		Total	749	

O N I O N S – D R Y

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS SPRING 2003 SHIPPING SEASON

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:

According to South Texas Onion Committee, onion acreage in the Lower Rio Grande Valley was reported to be 8,245 acres, down over 3,000 acres from the 2002 season. Yield per acre was approximately 320 cwt, up from 315 the previous year.

Truck shipments for the 2003 season from the Lower Rio Grande Valley numbered 4,145, a significant decrease from 2002's 6,264. This is consistent with the decrease in acreage. There were also 2,631 truck shipments from other areas of Texas during the season.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:

For the fourth consecutive season, Lower Rio Grande Valley weather conditions in the early part of the harvest were excellent. A major storm blew through the week of April 15, causing severe damage to onions along the Rio Grande River. Harvest for the remainder of the season continued without incident. Harvesting began about 2 weeks later than the previous season, which is about one week earlier than usual.

MARKETING AND PACKAGING:

The first F.O.B report was issued April 3, 2003. Yellow grano type jumbo brought \$22.00-24.00 (as opposed to \$5.00 in 2001), medium \$14.00-\$16.00. The first F.O.B. report on repacker size was on April 7, at \$8.00-10.00. White jumbos started at \$22.00-24.00, on April 15. The demand for onions exceeded supplies, while supplies were heavier to larger sizes. The market on jumbos improved slightly, reaching \$28.00 on April 14. Then the market worsened, getting as low as \$14.00-16.00 on May 5. The market rebounded, improving slightly throughout the remainder of the season. The last report was issued on May 16, 2003. The price of Yellow jumbo was \$16.00-18.00. Yellow and White onions are packed in 50-lb mesh sacks with chain business usually packed in 40-lb cartons; reds are packed in 25-lb mesh sacks.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

The usual load of onions will consist of 800-850 sacks or 950-1000 cartons. Truck availability was reported as a shortage for the peak of the season, adequate or slight surplus at other times.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb
sks						
	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	WHITE
	Super Col	col	jbo	med	rpkr sz	jbo
03-APR-2003	-	-	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-	-
04-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	15.00-16.00	-	-
07-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
08-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
09-APR-2003	-	-	-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
10-APR-2003	-	28.00-30.00	26.00-28.00	16.00-18.00	-	-
11-APR-2003	-	-	26.00-28.00	16.00-18.00	-	-
14-APR-2003	-35.00	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-12.00	-
15-APR-2003	-35.00	-30.00	-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
16-APR-2003	-35.00	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
17-APR-2003	-35.00	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
18-APR-2003	-35.00	-28.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	13.00-14.00	22.00-24.00
21-APR-2003	-35.00	-28.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	12.00-14.00	-24.00
22-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-28.00	-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	22.00-24.00
23-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-26.00	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	20.00-22.00
24-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	-14.00	20.00-21.00
25-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-24.00	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-20.00
28-APR-2003	30.00-33.00	22.00-24.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	-14.00	18.00-20.00
29-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	20.00-22.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
30-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	20.00-22.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-18.00
01-MAY-2003	28.00-30.00	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-18.00
02-MAY-2003	28.00-30.00	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-18.00
05-MAY-2003	-	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-18.00
06-MAY-2003	-	-	-16.00	-12.00	-10.00	-16.00
07-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	-10.00	-16.00
08-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	-10.00	-16.00
09-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	9.00-10.00	-16.00
12-MAY-2003	-	-22.00	-18.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
13-MAY-2003	-	-	18.00-20.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
14-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
15-MAY-2003	-	-	17.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-
16-MAY-2003	-	-	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	-10.00	-

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	40 lb ctns	25 lb sks	25 lb sks
	WHITE	WHITE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	RED GLOBE TYPE	RED GLOBE TYPE
	med	rpkr sz.	jbo	jbo	med
03-APR-2003	-	-	20.00-22.00	-	-
04-APR-2003	-	-	-22.00	-	-
07-APR-2003	-	-	22.00-24.00	-	-
11-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-	-
14-APR-2003	-	-	-	-10.00	6.00-8.00
15-APR-2003	-18.00	-	24.00-26.00	-10.00	-8.00
16-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	10.00-12.00	-8.00
17-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
18-APR-2003	-16.00	-	-24.00	-12.00	6.00-7.00
21-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
22-APR-2003	14.00-16.00	-	22.00-24.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
23-APR-2003	-14.00	-	22.00-24.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
24-APR-2003	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-22.00	-12.00	6.00-7.00
25-APR-2003	12.00-14.00	-	20.00-22.00	-12.00	-6.00
28-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	-	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-6.00
29-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	-	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-6.00
30-APR-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	-10.00	5.00-6.00
01-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00
02-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00
05-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
06-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
07-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
08-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	-	7.00-8.00	-5.00
09-MAY-2003	-10.00	6.00-8.00	-	-7.00	4.00-5.00

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	WHITE
	Super Col	col	jbo	med	rpkr sz	jbo
03-APR-2003	-	-	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-	-
04-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	15.00-16.00	-	-
07-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
08-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
09-APR-2003	-	-	-26.00	-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
10-APR-2003	-	28.00-30.00	26.00-28.00	16.00-18.00	-	-
11-APR-2003	-	-	26.00-28.00	16.00-18.00	-	-
14-APR-2003	-35.00	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-12.00	-
15-APR-2003	-35.00	-30.00	-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
16-APR-2003	-35.00	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
17-APR-2003	-35.00	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	22.00-24.00
18-APR-2003	-35.00	-28.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	13.00-14.00	22.00-24.00
21-APR-2003	-35.00	-28.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	12.00-14.00	-24.00
22-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-28.00	-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	22.00-24.00
23-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-26.00	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	20.00-22.00
24-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	24.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	-14.00	20.00-21.00
25-APR-2003	32.00-35.00	-24.00	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-20.00
28-APR-2003	30.00-33.00	22.00-24.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	-14.00	18.00-20.00
29-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	20.00-22.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
30-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	20.00-22.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-18.00
01-MAY-2003	28.00-30.00	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-19.00
02-MAY-2003	28.00-30.00	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-18.00
05-MAY-2003	-	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-18.00
06-MAY-2003	-	-	-16.00	-12.00	-10.00	-16.00
07-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	-10.00	-16.00
08-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	-10.00	-16.00
09-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-10.00	9.00-10.00	-16.00
12-MAY-2003	-	-22.00	-18.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
13-MAY-2003	-	-	18.00-20.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
14-MAY-2003	-	-	-18.00	-12.00	-10.00	-
15-MAY-2003	-	-	17.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-
16-MAY-2003	-	-	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	-10.00	-

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
 ONIONS DRY - 2003 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	40 lb ctns	25 lb sks	25 lb sks
	WHITE	WHITE	YELLOW GRANO	RED GLOBE TYPE	RED GLOBE TYPE
	med	rpkr sz	jbo	jbo	med
03-APR-2003	-	-	20.00-22.00	-	-
04-APR-2003	-	-	-22.00	-	-
07-APR-2003	-	-	22.00-24.00	-	-
11-APR-2003	-	-	24.00-26.00	-	-
14-APR-2003	-	-	-	-10.00	6.00-8.00
15-APR-2003	-18.00	-	24.00-26.00	-10.00	-8.00
16-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	10.00-12.00	-8.00
17-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
18-APR-2003	-16.00	-	-24.00	-12.00	6.00-7.00
21-APR-2003	-16.00	-	24.00-26.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
22-APR-2003	14.00-16.00	-	22.00-24.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
23-APR-2003	-14.00	-	22.00-24.00	-12.00	6.00-8.00
24-APR-2003	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-22.00	-12.00	6.00-7.00
25-APR-2003	12.00-14.00	-	20.00-22.00	-12.00	-6.00
28-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	-	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-6.00
29-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	-	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-6.00
30-APR-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	-10.00	5.00-6.00
01-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00
02-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	-18.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00
05-MAY-2003	-10.00	-	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
06-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
07-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	16.00-18.00	-8.00	-5.00
08-MAY-2003	-10.00	-8.00	-	7.00-8.00	-5.00
09-MAY-2003	-10.00	6.00-8.00	-	-7.00	4.00-5.00
10-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
11-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
12-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
13-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
14-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
15-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-
16-MAY-2003	-	-	-	-	-

COLUMBIA BASIN & WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS, WASHINGTON GENERAL COMMENTS - 2003 CROP

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: March was warm and wet during the first half of the month. Record temperatures were recorded in many areas of Central Washington when daytime highs were in the upper 60's to low 70's. Total precipitation going into March was just 76% of normal, but increased to 92.5% by the end of the month.

Planting continued into April but was occasionally interrupted by wet fields. By the end of April, most growing areas had completed their planting for the season. May was frequently cold which slowed plant development.

Despite the fact that irrigation water was 100% adequate, topsoil moisture was 40% short the end of June resulting in frequent watering of the crop as it was in the prime growing stage. As the summer progressed, daytime highs were above normal while very little precipitation was recorded. These conditions continued and by the end of August, topsoil moisture was 38% very short and 37% short.

Harvest began the first of June under mostly sunny skies and seasonally warm temperatures. By August, temperatures were in the upper 90's to low 100's. Relief from the heat finally came the second week of September along with a couple of days of rain as harvest was winding down.

PRODUCTION: The Agricultural Statistics Service of the U.S.D.A., estimated production of the summer non-storage crop (mostly Walla Walla Sweets) in Washington at 370,000 cwt for 2003, up slightly from the 360,000 cwt in 2002. Of the 1,400 acres planted in 2003, all 1,400 acres were harvested. Yield per acre averaged 370 cwt/acre in 2003, up slightly from the 360 cwt/acre in 2002.

Production of storage type hybrid onions in Washington was estimated at 9.44 million cwt in 2003, up from 8.96 million cwt in 2002. Of the 16,000 acres planted in 2003, all 16,000 acres were harvested, exactly the same as the number of acres harvested in 2002. The yield per acre averaged 590 cwt/acre in 2003, up again this year from the 560 cwt/acre in 2002.

PACKAGING: Most yellow onions bound for domestic and Canadian destinations are packed in 50 pound mesh sacks and sized jumbo and medium.

Jumbo size: 3" and larger

Medium size: 2 1/4 - 3"

Onions for offshore export are packed in 20 kilogram (44 pound) mesh sacks. Washington onions are not covered by marketing orders or inspection requirements.

SHIPMENTS: Onion shipments are collected by the Market News Service and reported in 40,000 pound units.

During the season, there were 19,993 units of Washington onions shipped. This is up from the 18,726 units shipped in 2002. 14,928 units (13,356 in 2002) went domestic and 5,065 (5,270 in 2002) were exported.

Walla Walla Sweets accounted for approximately 1,008 of the total, with 974 units domestic and 34 exports. This compares to 596 units in 2002 with 577 units domestic and 19 exported. Walla Walla Sweet movement peaked on July 1st when 37 units were shipped.

Hybrid shipments totaled 18,985 units in 2003, up just slightly from the 18,130 units shipped in 2002. This includes 13,954 domestic and 5,031 exported compared to 13,356 domestic and 5,351 units exported in 2002. Shipments peaked the week ending February 14th when 701 were shipped.

MARKETING: All prices are for domestic sales of 50-pound sacks of Jumbo onions unless otherwise stated.

WALLA WALLA SWEETS: The first report for Walla Walla Sweet Onions was issued on June 13th at \$16.00-18.50, nearly the same as the previous season. Prices dropped to a straight \$16.00 two days later and only stayed there for four days before dropped to \$15.75-16.00 for three days and then \$15.00-16.00 until July 7th. Prices began to rise the next day to \$17.00-18.00 then \$15.00-18.00 until July 22nd when they settled at \$16.00-17.50 until the 31st. The higher end of the range dropped 25 cents to \$16.00-17.25 where they stayed until the last report on August 20th.

HYBRIDS: The first f.o.b. for Yellow Hybrids was issued on July 7th, a little more than a week later than last year at 6.00-7.00, \$1.00-2.00 higher than a year ago. Prices began to slip slightly the next two weeks to \$4.00-5.00. Prices stayed in that general range until October 18th when they rose slightly to \$6.00-6.50 and then \$7.00-8.00 a week later. Prices would alternate going up and down 50 cents until January 17th when \$8.00-9.00 was reported. The low side of the range rose to \$8.50-9.00 the week of February 7th then \$7.50-8.00 a week later then \$7.00-8.00 the next week. \$7.00-10.00 was reported the week ending March 20th then jumped to \$10.00-12.00 for one week because heavy rains in some southern growing locations halted harvest and created a shortage of new crop onions. Prices dropped back to \$6.00-10.00 the next week and finished the season on April 24th at \$6.00-8.00.

The first report for White onions ran almost nine weeks behind the Yellows and started at \$6.00 on August 30th, \$5.00 lower than the previous year. Prices ranged from \$4.50-7.00 with most at \$6.00 until the first of November when prices began to rise significantly, finally peaking out at \$13.00-16.00 on February 14th. The range began to decline slightly each week and ended the season on March 13th at \$9.00-10.00.

Jumbo Reds in 25-pound sacks began the season on August 9th at \$3.50, much less than the first report the previous year at \$7.00-10.00. The market stayed in that general range until October 18th when it rose to \$4.00-4.25. Prices began to slowly rise again every couple of weeks and hit a peak of \$8.00-9.00 on January 17th where they stayed for the next month. On March 6th, \$7.00-8.00 was reported and stayed at that range until the last report on March 27th.

COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON
Onions Dry - 2003 Season Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Basis

	50 lb Mesh Sacks				25 lb Mesh Sacks	
	Yellow Hybrid Type			White Type		Red Type
	<u>Colossal</u>	<u>Jumbo</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Jumbo</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Jumbo</u> <u>Medium</u>
7-Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	- -
14-Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	- -
21-Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	- -
28-Jun-03	8.00-12.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	- -
5-Jul-03	-	4.00-7.00	8.00-10.00	-	-	- -
12-Jul-03	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	8.00-9.00	-	-	- -
19-Jul-03	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	8.00-9.00	-	-	- -
26-Jul-03	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	8.00-9.00	-	-	- -
2-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	- -
9-Aug-03	5.00-6.00	-4.00	-6.00	-	-	-3.50 -3.00
16-Aug-03	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	-6.00	-	-	-3.50 2.50-3.00
23-Aug-03	-6.00	-5.00	-6.00	-	-	3.50-4.00 -3.00
30-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	-6.00	-6.00	3.50-4.00 -3.00
6-Sep-03	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.50	4.50-6.00	4.00-6.00	3.50-4.00 2.75-3.00
13-Sep-03	-7.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-3.50 -3.00
20-Sep-03	-7.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-3.50 -3.00
27-Sep-03	6.50-7.00	-5.00	-5.00	-6.00	-5.00	-3.50 -3.00
4-Oct-03	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00	-6.00	-5.00	-3.50 -3.00
11-Oct-03	6.50-7.00	-5.50	4.00-5.00	-6.00	-5.00	-3.50 -3.00
18-Oct-03	7.00-8.50	6.00-6.50	-5.00	-6.00	-6.00	4.00-4.25 -3.00
25-Oct-03	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	-5.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-8.00	4.00-5.00 3.00-3.50
1-Nov-03	-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	-8.00	-5.00 -3.50
8-Nov-03	-8.00	7.00-7.50	-5.00	6.50-8.00	-8.00	5.00-6.00 3.50-4.00
15-Nov-03	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	-5.00	8.50-9.00	-	5.50-6.00 -4.00
22-Nov-03	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	-5.00	-	-	6.00-7.00 4.00-4.50
29-Nov-03	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	-5.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00 4.00-4.50
6-Dec-03	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	-5.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00 4.00-4.50
13-Dec-03	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	4.50-5.50	9.00-10.00	9.00-11.00	6.50-7.00 4.00-4.50
20-Dec-03	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	4.50-5.50	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	6.50-7.50 4.00-4.50
27-Dec-03	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.50	4.50-5.50	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-7.50 4.00-4.50
3-Jan-04	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.50	4.50-5.50	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
10-Jan-04	8.50-9.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	10.00-13.50	10.00-12.00	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
17-Jan-04	9.50-10.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	12.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-9.00 5.00-6.00
24-Jan-04	-9.50	8.50-9.00	-7.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-9.00 -6.00
31-Jan-04	9.50-10.00	8.50-9.00	-7.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-9.00 -6.00
7-Feb-04	-	8.50-9.00	-7.00	13.00-16.00	13.00-16.00	8.50-9.00 -6.00
14-Feb-04	-	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	-13.00	-13.00	8.00-9.00 5.00-6.00
21-Feb-04	-	7.50-8.00	-6.00	11.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	8.00-8.50 5.00-5.50
28-Feb-04	-	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-8.00 -5.00
6-Mar-04	-	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
13-Mar-04	-	-7.00	5.00-6.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
20-Mar-04	-	7.00-10.00	5.00-7.00	-	-	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
27-Mar-04	-	10.00-12.00	5.00-7.00	-	-	7.00-8.00 4.00-5.00
3-Apr-04	-	6.00-10.00	-6.00	-	-	- -
10-Apr-04	-	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00	-	-	- -
17-Apr-04	-	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00	-	-	- -
24-Apr-04	-	6.00-8.00	4.00-7.00	-	-	- -

COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON
Onions - 2003 Season Shipments in 400 CWT Units

	Rail	R/T	Truck	Export	Total	TTD
21-Jun-03	0	0	25	5	29	29
28-Jun-03	0	2	107	23	132	161
5-Jul-03	0	4	112	18	133	294
12-Jul-03	0	1	95	45	141	436
19-Jul-03	0	0	60	17	77	512
26-Jul-03	0	2	60	19	81	594
2-Aug-03	0	5	106	61	172	765
9-Aug-03	0	16	262	69	347	1,112
16-Aug-03	0	1	393	65	459	1,571
23-Aug-03	5	4	406	84	497	2,069
30-Aug-03	0	8	392	110	510	2,579
6-Sep-03	6	4	380	116	506	3,085
13-Sep-03	6	20	390	83	498	3,583
20-Sep-03	9	13	392	149	563	4,145
27-Sep-03	6	9	260	108	383	4,528
4-Oct-03	3	17	286	116	422	4,950
11-Oct-03	12	10	259	108	389	5,339
18-Oct-03	6	14	342	136	497	5,837
25-Oct-03	6	25	296	144	471	6,308
1-Nov-03	3	18	236	188	445	6,753
8-Nov-03	3	30	265	164	461	7,214
15-Nov-03	6	26	275	162	469	7,683
22-Nov-03	6	9	251	124	390	8,074
29-Nov-03	15	0	199	83	297	8,370
6-Dec-03	9	0	321	119	448	8,818
13-Dec-03	3	1	412	167	583	9,401
20-Dec-03	12	0	430	148	590	9,991
27-Dec-03	0	0	223	94	317	10,308
3-Jan-04	0	0	228	125	352	10,660
10-Jan-04	3	0	331	110	444	11,105
17-Jan-04	6	0	453	200	659	11,763
24-Jan-04	6	0	424	256	686	12,450
31-Jan-04	6	0	415	277	698	13,147
7-Feb-04	9	2	485	180	676	13,824
14-Feb-04	12	11	504	176	702	14,525
21-Feb-04	6	2	453	161	622	15,147
28-Feb-04	6	0	428	159	592	15,740
6-Mar-04	3	5	415	136	559	16,298
13-Mar-04	3	2	480	174	660	16,958
20-Mar-04	3	12	508	89	611	17,570
27-Mar-04	0	1	386	68	455	18,025
3-Apr-04	0	0	200	44	243	18,268
10-Apr-04	0	0	147	37	184	18,452
17-Apr-04	0	0	161	38	200	18,652
24-Apr-04	0	0	142	42	184	18,836
1-May-04	0	0	70	26	96	18,932
8-May-04	0	0	34	9	43	18,975
14-May-04	0	0	10	1	10	18,985
Total	177	273	13,505	5,031	18,985	

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, WASHINGTON
Onions - 2003 Season Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
YELLOW

	50 lb Sacks			40 lb cartons		
	<u>Colossal</u>	<u>Jumbo</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Colossal</u>	<u>Jumbo</u>	<u>Medium</u>
13-Jun-03	18.00-22.50	16.00-18.50	9.00-14.50	-	16.00-19.50	11.00-15.00
16-Jun-03	-18.00	16.00-18.00	10.00-15.00	-	16.00-19.50	11.00-15.00
17-Jun-03	-18.00	-16.00	10.00-11.00	-	18.00-19.00	-11.00
18-Jun-03	-18.00	-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
19-Jun-03	-18.00	-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
20-Jun-03	-18.00	-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
23-Jun-03	-18.00	15.75-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
24-Jun-03	-18.00	15.75-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
25-Jun-03	-18.00	15.75-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
26-Jun-03	-18.00	15.50-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
27-Jun-03	-18.00	15.00-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	10.00-11.00
30-Jun-03	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00	-	16.00-19.00	-10.00
1-Jul-03	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00
2-Jul-03	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00
3-Jul-03	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00	16.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	-10.00
4-Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
7-Jul-03	-	15.00-16.00	-10.00	16.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	-10.00
8-Jul-03	-	17.00-18.00	10.00-12.00	16.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	-12.00
9-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	15.00-16.00	-12.00
10-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
11-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
14-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
15-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
16-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
17-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
18-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
21-Jul-03	-	15.00-18.00	-10.00	-18.00	14.00-16.00	-12.00
22-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	18.00-21.00	15.00-16.00	9.00-10.00
23-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	18.00-21.00	15.00-16.00	9.00-10.00
24-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	18.00-21.00	15.00-16.00	9.00-10.00
25-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	18.00-21.00	15.00-16.00	9.00-10.00
28-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	-16.00	15.00-18.50	-8.00
29-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.50	8.00-12.00
30-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.50	8.00-12.00
31-Jul-03	-	16.00-17.50	-10.00	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.50	8.00-12.00
1-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	8.00-9.00	15.50-16.00	15.00-16.00	8.00-9.50
4-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	8.00-9.00	15.50-16.00	15.00-16.00	-8.00
5-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	8.00-9.00	15.50-16.00	15.00-16.00	-8.00
6-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
7-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
8-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
11-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
12-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
13-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
14-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
15-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
18-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
19-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00
20-Aug-03	-	16.00-17.25	-8.00	15.00-15.50	15.00-16.00	6.50-8.00

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, WASHINGTON
Onions - 2003 Season Shipments in 400 CWT Units

	Rail	R/T	Truck	Export	Total	TTD
12-Jun-03	0	0	16	1	17	17
13-Jun-03	0	0	15	2	16	33
14-Jun-03	0	0	9	0	9	42
15-Jun-03	0	0	0	0	0	42
16-Jun-03	0	0	12	1	12	54
17-Jun-03	0	0	22	2	24	78
18-Jun-03	0	0	18	1	19	97
19-Jun-03	0	0	15	1	15	113
20-Jun-03	0	0	23	0	23	136
21-Jun-03	0	0	6	0	6	142
22-Jun-03	0	0	0	0	0	142
23-Jun-03	0	0	31	2	33	175
24-Jun-03	0	0	19	1	20	195
25-Jun-03	0	0	21	0	21	216
26-Jun-03	0	0	23	0	23	239
27-Jun-03	0	0	18	0	18	257
28-Jun-03	0	0	7	0	7	264
29-Jun-03	0	0	0	0	0	264
30-Jun-03	0	0	33	0	33	297
1-Jul-03	0	0	33	4	37	334
2-Jul-03	0	0	30	1	31	365
3-Jul-03	0	0	32	0	32	397
4-Jul-03	0	0	0	0	0	397
5-Jul-03	0	0	5	0	5	402
6-Jul-03	0	0	0	0	0	402
7-Jul-03	0	0	24	2	26	428
8-Jul-03	0	0	25	0	26	454
9-Jul-03	0	0	27	1	28	482
10-Jul-03	0	0	26	1	27	509
11-Jul-03	0	0	27	2	29	538
12-Jul-03	0	0	2	2	4	542
13-Jul-03	0	0	0	0	0	542
14-Jul-03	0	0	18	2	21	563
15-Jul-03	0	0	8	2	10	573
16-Jul-03	0	0	22	1	22	596
17-Jul-03	0	0	22	1	23	618
18-Jul-03	0	0	22	1	22	641
19-Jul-03	0	0	15	0	15	655
20-Jul-03	0	0	0	0	0	655
21-Jul-03	0	0	21	0	21	676
22-Jul-03	0	0	35	0	35	711
23-Jul-03	0	0	18	0	18	730
24-Jul-03	0	0	17	0	17	747
25-Jul-03	0	1	24	0	25	772
26-Jul-03	0	0	2	0	2	774
27-Jul-03	0	0	0	0	0	774
28-Jul-03	0	0	17	1	18	791
29-Jul-03	0	0	19	1	21	812
30-Jul-03	0	0	20	0	20	832
31-Jul-03	0	0	21	0	21	853
1-Aug-03	0	0	17	0	17	870
2-Aug-03	0	0	7	0	7	877
3-Aug-03	0	0	0	0	0	877
4-Aug-03	0	0	16	0	16	893
5-Aug-03	0	0	16	0	16	910
6-Aug-03	0	0	13	0	13	922
7-Aug-03	0	0	19	1	20	942
8-Aug-03	0	0	11	0	11	954
9-Aug-03	0	0	6	0	6	960
10-Aug-03	0	0	0	0	0	960
11-Aug-03	0	0	7	0	7	966
12-Aug-03	0	0	12	0	12	978
13-Aug-03	0	0	12	0	12	990
14-Aug-03	0	0	6	0	6	996
15-Aug-03	0	0	5	0	5	1,001
16-Aug-03	0	0	0	0	0	1,001
17-Aug-03	0	0	0	0	0	1,001
18-Aug-03	0	0	3	0	3	1,004
19-Aug-03	0	0	4	0	4	1,008
20-Aug-03	0	0	1	0	1	1,008
Totals	0	1	973	34	1,008	

CENTRAL WISCONSIN ONIONS 2003 CROP

Production: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Wisconsin growers planted 2,100 acres of onions in 2003 which was the same as what was planted in 2002. 2,000 acres were harvested compared to 2002's 1,900 acres. The yields per acre in 2003 were 345 hundredweight (cwt) per acre which was a significant increase of the 280 cwt in 2002. Production was 690,000 cwt in 2003, an increase from 2002's 532,000 cwt.

Shipments: Fresh shipments from Wisconsin 2003 season totaled 2,021 400-cwt units. This was an 18 percent increase from 2002's shipments of 1,710 400-cwt units. The peak shipping month was October with 384 400-cwt units shipped. All of the shipments were delivered by truck.

Crop & Weather: In Wisconsin onions are typically planted in April, the same time potatoes are. Spring was unusually cool; however, the last week of spring finally brought some warmer temperatures and sunny conditions. Producers would have liked a good soaking rain to nourish the crops. The first week of summer brought improved farming conditions to the State. Scattered rain and increased temperatures during the second week of July were a welcome sight as crop development was pushed along. Typical summer weather arrived in the Badger State mid-July. Rains were a common occurrence over most of the State, which combined with warmer temperatures advanced crop growth. Temperatures for the remainder of July ranged 1-4 degrees below normal which continued a

cooler than normal trend for the growing season. A lack of precipitation was the main topic of discussion amongst farmers around the State. Their prayers were answered during the first week of August when much needed rain was welcomed across the State to help end July's dry spell. Producers had hoped for a long "soaker" but were happy to see any relief for their thirsty crops. The period of June 1 to August 3 remained up to 4 inches behind normal precipitation levels. Scattered rains continued until the second week of August and then hot, dry conditions returned to stress crops. Warm weather, average temperatures ranging 4-9 degrees above normal, continued throughout the rest of the month with little to no precipitation to aid the stressing soils and crops. Onion harvest began the beginning of September.

Marketing: The first report on Yellow Globe Type onions was issued during the week ending September 13. 50 lb sacks of medium onions were \$6.00-6.75. Prices were fairly steady, only ranging \$.25-\$.50 during the season until the week ending January 31 when it rose to \$7.00-8.00. The market rose again during the week ending February 21 to \$8.00-8.25. The last report was issued during the week of March 6 at \$7.75-8.00.

Packaging: Onions were sized, sorted and packed prior to shipments. 50-lb sacks remain the dominate package. Onions were also packed in Master containers of 16 3-lb mesh sacks.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
Onions Dry - 2003 Crop

	50 lb sks YELLOW GLOBE TYPE Jbo	50 lb sks YELLOW GLOBE TYPE Med	50 lb sks YELLOW GLOBE TYPE rpk Size	mstr cntr 16 3-lb ms YELLOW GLOBE TYPE Med	mstr cntr 16 3-lb ms YELLOW GRANO TYPE rpk sz
<u>2003</u>					
Sep 13	--	6.00-6.75	--	7.00-8.00	--
20	--	5.75-6.25	5.00-5.75	7.75	7.25
27	6.50-7.50	5.75-6.25	5.00-5.75	7.75	6.75-7.25
Oct 4	--	5.25-6.25	4.75-5.25	7.25-7.75	6.75-7.25
11	--	5.25-5.75	4.00-5.00	7.25-7.75	6.75-7.25
18	6.25	5.25-5.75	4.00-4.75	7.25-7.35	5.75-6.75
25	6.25-8.25	5.25-6.00	4.50-5.50	7.25-8.00	6.75
Nov 1	7.50-8.25	5.50-6.00	4.75-5.00	7.25-8.00	6.00-6.75
8	7.50-8.25	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	7.25-8.00	6.00-6.75
15	--	5.50-5.75	4.50-4.75	7.50	6.00-6.75
22	--	5.50-5.75	4.50-4.75	7.50	6.00-6.75
29	--	5.50-5.75	4.50-4.75	7.50	6.00-6.75
Dec 6	--	5.50-5.75	4.50-4.75	7.50	6.00-6.75
13	--	5.50-5.75	4.50-4.75	7.50	6.00-6.75
20	--	5.75-6.00	4.50-4.75	7.25-8.00	6.00-7.00
27	--	5.75-6.00	4.00-4.25	7.25-8.00	5.75-6.00
<u>2004</u>					
Jan 3	--	5.50-6.00	4.00	7.00-7.75	5.50-5.75
10	--	5.50-6.50	4.00-4.50	7.75-9.50	5.50-5.75
17	8.50-8.75	6.25-6.50	4.00-4.50	7.50-9.50	6.00-6.75
24	8.50-9.00	6.25-8.00	4.00-4.50	7.50-10.00	6.00-6.75
31	8.75-9.50	7.00-8.00	3.25-4.25	9.00-9.50	5.00-5.75
Feb 7	--	7.00-8.00	4.00-4.75	9.00-9.50	5.00-6.50
14	--	7.00-8.25	4.00-5.00	9.50	6.00-6.75
21	--	8.00-8.25	5.00	9.50	8.00
28	--	8.00	4.50-5.00	9.00-9.50	6.00-6.50
Mar 6		7.75-8.00	4.25-5.00	8.25-9.50	6.00-7.00

CENTRAL WISCONSIN					
Onion Shipments - 2003 Crop					
400-cwt					
Weekly			Monthly		
Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date	Week Ending	Truck	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
6-Sep	10	10	September	291	291
13-Sep	60	70			
20-Sep	99	169	October	384	675
27-Sep	85	254			
			November	303	978
4-Oct	122	376			
11-Oct	76	452	December	265	1243
18-Oct	86	538			
25-Oct	78	616	<u>2004</u>		
			January	343	1586
1-Nov	67	683			
8-Nov	60	743	February	265	1851
15-Nov	77	820			
22-Nov	91	911	March	170	2021
29-Nov	67	978			
6-Dec	41	1019			
13-Dec	63	1082			
20-Dec	74	1156			
27-Dec	53	1209			
<u>2004</u>					
3-Jan	57	1266			
10-Jan	91	1357			
17-Jan	94	1451			
24-Jan	69	1520			
31-Jan	66	1586			
7-Feb	66	1652			
14-Feb	69	1721			
21-Feb	71	1792			
28-Feb	59	1851			
6-Mar	48	1899			
13-Mar	53	1952			
20-Mar	31	1983			
27-Mar	28	2011			
3-Apr	10	2021			
Total	2021		Total	2021	

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	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO col	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO jbo	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO med	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO rpkr sz
19-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
20-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
21-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
24-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
25-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
26-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
27-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
28-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
03-MAR-2003	-	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-
04-MAR-2003	-	-14.00	-12.00	-
05-MAR-2003	-	-14.00	-14.00	-
06-MAR-2003	15.00-16.00	-14.00	-14.00	-
07-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	-14.00	-
10-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	13.00-14.00	-
11-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	12.00-14.00	-
12-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-
13-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
14-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
17-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
18-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-9.00
19-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
20-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
21-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
24-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	-12.00	-10.00
25-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	11.00-12.00	-10.00
26-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00
27-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	10.00-11.00	-8.00
28-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	-11.00	-8.00
31-MAR-2003	-20.00	-18.00	-12.00	8.00-9.00
01-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	8.00-9.00
02-APR-2003	22.00-25.00	20.00-22.00	12.00-14.00	8.00-9.00
03-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-10.00
04-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	14.00-16.00	8.00-9.00
07-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	-16.00	9.00-10.00
08-APR-2003	-28.00	-26.00	-16.00	9.00-10.00
09-APR-2003	-30.00	-26.00	-16.00	-
10-APR-2003	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-
11-APR-2003	-30.00	28.00-30.00	18.00-20.00	10.00-12.00
14-APR-2003	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-12.00
15-APR-2003	-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
16-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
17-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
18-APR-2003	-28.00	-24.00	18.00-20.00	-
21-APR-2003	-	-24.00	18.00-20.00	-
23-APR-2003	-	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-
24-APR-2003	-	18.00-20.00	-18.00	-14.00
25-APR-2003	-	18.00-20.00	-16.00	13.00-14.00

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	50 lb sks WHITE jbo	50 lb sks WHITE med	50 lb sks WHITE rpkr sz	40 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO col	40 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO jbo
19-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
20-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
21-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-19.00	-16.00
24-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
25-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
26-FEB-2003	-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
27-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
28-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
03-MAR-2003	22.00-23.00	20.00-22.00	-	17.00-18.00	-16.00
04-MAR-2003	20.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	-	16.00-17.00	14.00-16.00
05-MAR-2003	20.00-22.00	-16.00	14.00-15.00	-16.00	14.00-15.00
06-MAR-2003	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	15.00-16.00	-14.00
07-MAR-2003	16.00-18.00	-14.00	-12.00	15.00-16.00	-14.00
10-MAR-2003	15.00-16.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	-14.00	-14.00
11-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-10.00	-14.00	-14.00
12-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-14.00	12.00-13.00
13-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	-14.00	12.00-14.00
14-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	-14.00	-14.00
17-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	13.00-15.00	13.00-14.00
18-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	13.00-15.00	13.00-14.00
19-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00
20-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-	-	12.00-14.00
21-MAR-2003	-10.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
24-MAR-2003	-10.00	-10.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
25-MAR-2003	-12.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
26-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
27-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-	-	14.00-15.00
28-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-	-	14.00-15.00
31-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	-16.00
01-APR-2003	-16.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	18.00-20.00
02-APR-2003	-16.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	-	-20.00
03-APR-2003	18.00-20.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	-	-22.00
04-APR-2003	-20.00	-14.00	8.00-9.00	-	-22.00
07-APR-2003	20.00-22.00	14.00-16.00	-8.00	-	22.00-24.00
08-APR-2003	-22.00	14.00-16.00	-8.00	-	-24.00
09-APR-2003	-22.00	14.00-16.00	-	-	24.00-28.00
10-APR-2003	-22.00	-16.00	-	-	26.00-28.00
11-APR-2003	-22.00	-18.00	-	-	-
14-APR-2003	-24.00	-18.00	-	-	-
15-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	16.00-18.00	-	-	-
16-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	-16.00	7.00-8.00	-	-
17-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-7.00	-	-
18-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-7.00	-	-
21-APR-2003	-24.00	-14.00	-	-	-
22-APR-2003	-22.00	-14.00	-	-	-
23-APR-2003	21.00-22.00	12.00-14.00	-	-	-
24-APR-2003	20.00-21.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
25-APR-2003	-20.00	-12.00	-	-	-
28-APR-2003	-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-
29-APR-2003	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-
30-APR-2003	16.00-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-

	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE jbo	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE med	31-MAR-2003	9.00-10.00	-8.00
03-MAR-2003	-16.00	-	01-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	-8.00
04-MAR-2003	-16.00	-	02-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
05-MAR-2003	-16.00	-	03-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
06-MAR-2003	-16.00	-	04-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
07-MAR-2003	-16.00	-	07-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
10-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-10.00	08-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
11-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	09-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
12-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	10-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
13-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00	11-APR-2003	-8.00	-6.00
14-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00	14-APR-2003	-10.00	6.00-8.00
17-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00	15-APR-2003	-10.00	-8.00
18-MAR-2003	13.00-14.00	-10.00	16-APR-2003	-10.00	-8.00
19-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00	17-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
20-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00	18-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
21-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00	21-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
24-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00	22-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
25-MAR-2003	11.00-12.00	-10.00	23-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
26-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00	24-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
27-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00	25-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	6.00-7.00
28-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00	28-APR-2003	-10.00	-6.00
			29-APR-2003	-10.00	-6.00
			30-APR-2003	-8.00	5.00-6.00

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	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO col	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO jbo	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO med	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO rpkr sz
19-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
20-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
21-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
24-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
25-FEB-2003	-	-	-10.00	-
26-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
27-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
28-FEB-2003	-	-	-12.00	-
03-MAR-2003	-	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-
04-MAR-2003	-	-14.00	-12.00	-
05-MAR-2003	-	-14.00	-14.00	-
06-MAR-2003	15.00-16.00	-14.00	-14.00	-
07-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	-14.00	-
10-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	13.00-14.00	-
11-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	12.00-14.00	-
12-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-
13-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
14-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
17-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-8.00
18-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-9.00
19-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
20-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
21-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00
24-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	-12.00	-10.00
25-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	11.00-12.00	-10.00
26-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00
27-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	-12.00	10.00-11.00	-8.00
28-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	-11.00	-8.00
31-MAR-2003	-20.00	-18.00	-12.00	8.00-9.00
01-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	18.00-20.00	-12.00	8.00-9.00
02-APR-2003	22.00-25.00	20.00-22.00	12.00-14.00	8.00-9.00
03-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-10.00
04-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	14.00-16.00	8.00-9.00
07-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	-16.00	9.00-10.00
08-APR-2003	-28.00	-26.00	-16.00	9.00-10.00
09-APR-2003	-30.00	-26.00	-16.00	-
10-APR-2003	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-
11-APR-2003	-30.00	28.00-30.00	18.00-20.00	10.00-12.00
14-APR-2003	-30.00	-28.00	-20.00	-12.00
15-APR-2003	-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
16-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
17-APR-2003	28.00-30.00	-26.00	-20.00	-12.00
18-APR-2003	-28.00	-24.00	18.00-20.00	-
21-APR-2003	-	-24.00	18.00-20.00	-
23-APR-2003	-	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-
24-APR-2003	-	18.00-20.00	-18.00	-14.00
25-APR-2003	-	18.00-20.00	-16.00	13.00-14.00

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	50 lb sks WHITE jbo	50 lb sks WHITE med	50 lb sks WHITE rpkr sz	40 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO col	40 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO jbo
19-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
20-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
21-FEB-2003	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
24-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
25-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
26-FEB-2003	-25.00	24.00-25.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
27-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
28-FEB-2003	24.00-25.00	22.00-24.00	-	-18.00	-16.00
03-MAR-2003	22.00-23.00	20.00-22.00	-	17.00-18.00	-16.00
04-MAR-2003	20.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	-	16.00-17.00	14.00-16.00
05-MAR-2003	20.00-22.00	-16.00	14.00-15.00	-16.00	14.00-15.00
06-MAR-2003	-20.00	-16.00	-14.00	15.00-16.00	-14.00
07-MAR-2003	16.00-18.00	-14.00	-12.00	15.00-16.00	-14.00
10-MAR-2003	15.00-16.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	-14.00	-14.00
11-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-10.00	-14.00	-14.00
12-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-14.00	12.00-13.00
13-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	-14.00	12.00-14.00
14-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	-14.00	-14.00
17-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	13.00-15.00	13.00-14.00
18-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	13.00-15.00	13.00-14.00
19-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00
20-MAR-2003	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-	-	12.00-14.00
21-MAR-2003	-10.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
24-MAR-2003	-10.00	-10.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
25-MAR-2003	-12.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
26-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
27-MAR-2003	-14.00	-12.00	-	-	14.00-15.00
28-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	-	-	14.00-15.00
31-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	-16.00
01-APR-2003	-16.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	18.00-20.00
02-APR-2003	-16.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	-	-20.00
03-APR-2003	18.00-20.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	-	-22.00
04-APR-2003	-20.00	-14.00	8.00-9.00	-	-22.00
07-APR-2003	20.00-22.00	14.00-16.00	-8.00	-	22.00-24.00
08-APR-2003	-22.00	14.00-16.00	-8.00	-	-24.00
09-APR-2003	-22.00	14.00-16.00	-	-	24.00-28.00
10-APR-2003	-22.00	-16.00	-	-	26.00-28.00
11-APR-2003	-22.00	-18.00	-	-	-
14-APR-2003	-24.00	-18.00	-	-	-
15-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	16.00-18.00	-	-	-
16-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	-16.00	7.00-8.00	-	-
17-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-7.00	-	-
18-APR-2003	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.00	-7.00	-	-
21-APR-2003	-24.00	-14.00	-	-	-
22-APR-2003	-22.00	-14.00	-	-	-
23-APR-2003	21.00-22.00	12.00-14.00	-	-	-
24-APR-2003	20.00-21.00	-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
25-APR-2003	-20.00	-12.00	-	-	-
28-APR-2003	-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-
29-APR-2003	18.00-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-
30-APR-2003	16.00-20.00	-10.00	-	-	-

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH SOUTH TEXAS
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2002-2003 Season

	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE jbo	25 lb sks RED GLOBE TYPE med	31-MAR-2003	9.00-10.00	-8.00
			01-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	-8.00
			02-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
			03-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
			04-APR-2003	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
			07-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
			08-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
			09-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
			10-APR-2003	7.00-8.00	-6.00
			11-APR-2003	-8.00	-6.00
			14-APR-2003	-10.00	6.00-8.00
			15-APR-2003	-10.00	-8.00
			16-APR-2003	-10.00	-8.00
			17-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
			18-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
			21-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
			22-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
			23-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-8.00
			24-APR-2003	-12.00	6.00-7.00
			25-APR-2003	10.00-12.00	6.00-7.00
			28-APR-2003	-10.00	-6.00
			29-APR-2003	-10.00	-6.00
			30-APR-2003	-8.00	5.00-6.00
03-MAR-2003	-16.00	-			
04-MAR-2003	-16.00	-			
05-MAR-2003	-16.00	-			
06-MAR-2003	-16.00	-			
07-MAR-2003	-16.00	-			
10-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	-10.00			
11-MAR-2003	14.00-16.00	10.00-12.00			
12-MAR-2003	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00			
13-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00			
14-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00			
17-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00			
18-MAR-2003	13.00-14.00	-10.00			
19-MAR-2003	-14.00	-10.00			
20-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00			
21-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00			
24-MAR-2003	12.00-14.00	-10.00			
25-MAR-2003	11.00-12.00	-10.00			
26-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00			
27-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00			
28-MAR-2003	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00			

ONIONS
2002-2003 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	CALIFORNIA	WASHINGTON	TEXAS	MEXICO	GEORGIA	COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	NEW YORK	IDAHO	OREGON	TOTAL
7-Sep-02	452	451	0	2	14	410	71	115	102	317	1934
14-Sep-02	391	637	0	1	10	465	35	132	273	506	2450
21-Sep-02	293	596	0	1	3	405	1	111	337	561	2308
28-Sep-02	234	488	0	0	0	382	0	121	373	461	2059
5-Oct-02	176	435	0	1	0	328	0	137	473	463	2013
12-Oct-02	191	382	0	0	0	337	0	149	505	415	1979
19-Oct-02	174	444	0	4	0	295	0	140	506	450	2013
26-Oct-02	155	547	0	9	0	273	0	129	438	509	2060
2-Nov-02	137	498	0	0	0	262	0	135	433	509	1974
9-Nov-02	133	539	0	0	0	292	0	163	361	457	1945
16-Nov-02	117	529	0	0	0	325	0	143	484	508	2106
23-Nov-02	114	542	0	0	0	361	0	193	428	414	2052
30-Nov-02	47	376	0	5	0	258	0	137	382	272	1477
7-Dec-02	67	482	0	6	0	296	0	146	581	599	2177
14-Dec-02	68	483	0	7	0	277	0	168	472	429	1904
21-Dec-02	67	444	0	6	0	258	0	174	476	500	1925
28-Dec-02	68	318	0	5	0	165	0	126	254	235	1171
4-Jan-03	59	395	0	7	0	217	0	129	351	412	1570
11-Jan-03	60	552	0	7	0	210	0	168	422	532	1951
18-Jan-03	54	502	0	7	0	185	0	211	528	514	2001
25-Jan-03	46	538	0	13	0	155	0	180	462	507	1901
1-Feb-03	46	588	0	27	0	94	0	189	415	421	1780
8-Feb-03	52	571	0	36	0	95	0	170	401	587	1912
15-Feb-03	53	571	0	87	0	92	0	159	467	540	1969
22-Feb-03	48	580	0	170	0	68	0	179	421	669	2135
1-Mar-03	42	441	0	312	0	52	0	190	455	623	2115
8-Mar-03	44	364	0	451	0	0	0	172	363	503	1897
15-Mar-03	28	344	1	545	0	0	0	113	272	333	1636
22-Mar-03	22	336	16	653	0	0	0	105	184	367	1683
29-Mar-03	22	340	125	892	0	0	0	113	70	301	1863
5-Apr-03	5	244	436	792	0	0	0	100	50	354	1981
12-Apr-03	48	251	641	660	1	0	0	153	38	64	1856
19-Apr-03	274	186	775	429	81	0	0	115	31	14	1905
26-Apr-03	451	123	709	353	188	0	0	60	13	46	1943
3-May-03	611	112	726	232	369	0	0	19	8	12	2089
10-May-03	646	132	767	250	455	0	0	0	3	0	2253
17-May-03	707	79	597	239	451	0	0	0	0	0	2073
24-May-03	695	34	598	196	366	0	0	0	2	0	1891
31-May-03	525	12	349	197	291	0	212	0	1	0	1587
7-Jun-03	619	12	422	72	255	0	463	0	1	0	1844
14-Jun-03	764	40	350	61	228	0	516	0	2	0	1961
21-Jun-03	618	132	264	114	217	0	696	0	0	0	2041
27-Jun-03	623	251	361	128	174	0	702	0	1	0	2240
5-Jul-03	556	270	211	33	116	0	710	0	1	0	1897
12-Jul-03	858	282	195	36	93	0	955	0	1	11	2431
19-Jul-03	971	190	108	16	80	45	1015	0	1	11	2437
26-Jul-03	875	199	104	10	42	77	958	0	3	11	2279
2-Aug-03	885	276	83	8	40	213	864	0	2	11	2382
9-Aug-03	803	429	66	7	43	374	513	0	1	54	2290
16-Aug-03	906	500	19	5	31	462	377	0	5	38	2343
23-Aug-03	833	505	0	4	17	426	195	13	39	162	2194
30-Aug-03	561	510	0	6	11	436	52	81	85	301	2043
6-Sep-03	419	508	0	4	3	295	21	122	103	282	1757
TOTAL	17713	19590	7923	7106	3579	8885	8356	5160	12080	15285	105677
*40,000 lb units											

PERUVIAN SWEET ONIONS 2003 CROP

Shipments: Limited boat arrivals in containers began coming into various East Coast ports the week ending August 23 with light truck shipments beginning shortly thereafter. The number of exporters increased in the month of October and the peak month was November. Shipments continued until the end of February 2004.

Imports arrived at many different ports including: Miami, FL, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Savannah, GA, Charleston, SC, Houston, TX, and Newark, NJ.

Movement from U.S. inland packing sheds or ports as reported by Market News Service. It is not U.S. Commerce Department Data. Fresh onion shipments from Peru for the 2003 crop totaled 1,741 400-cwt units. This was a 6 percent decrease from 2002s shipments of 1,858 400-cwt units.

Marketing: The first fob on 40 lb cartons of Yellow Granex jumbos was issued during the week of September 13 at \$21.00-22.00. The market decreased slightly and then leveled out to \$15.00-16.00 during the week ending November 8. It remained at that level until the week ending December 20 when it started to rise. The last report was issued during the week ending January 17 at \$22.00-24.00.

Packaging: Some onions were sized, graded, stickered and boxed prior to shipment from Peru. Other importers chose to ship the onions in bulk containers and pack the onions in the United States, primarily in the Vidalia growing region of Georgia. Jumbo and colossal onions were both primarily packed in 40-lb cartons.

PERU IMPORTS THROUGH VARIOUS EAST COAST PORTS OF ENTRY
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
ONIONS DRY - 2003 Crop

Week Ending	40 LB CTNS Yellow Granex U.S. One Col	40 LB CTNS Yellow Granex U.S. One Jbo
<u>2003</u>		
Sep 13	21.00-23.00	21.00-22.00
20	22.00-23.00	20.00-22.00
27	19.00-23.00	17.00-21.00
Oct 4	17.00-22.00	16.00-20.00
11	17.00-19.00	15.00-16.00
18	17.00-18.00	15.00-17.00
25	17.00-19.00	12.00-16.00
Nov 1	17.00-19.00	12.00-16.00
8	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
15	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
22	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
29	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
Dec 6	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
13	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00
20	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00
27	17.00-18.00	17.00-18.00
<u>2004</u>		
Jan 3	--	18.00-20.00
10	22.00-24.00	20.00-22.00
17	--	22.00-24.00

**PERU IMPORTS THROUGH VARIOUS
EAST COAST PORTS OF ENTRY
WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP - 400 CWT**

Week Ending <u>2003</u>	Truck	Total To Date	Week Ending <u>2004</u>	Truck	Total To Date
23-Aug	3	3	3-Jan	55	1507
30-Aug	0	3	10-Jan	77	1584
			17-Jan	51	1635
6-Sep	14	17	24-Jan	30	1665
13-Sep	30	47	31-Jan	31	1696
20-Sep	38	85			
27-Sep	66	151	7-Feb	28	1724
			14-Feb	11	1735
4-Oct	82	233	21-Feb	6	1741
11-Oct	84	317			
18-Oct	71	388	Total	1741	
25-Oct	110	498			
1-Nov	107	605			
8-Nov	123	728			
15-Nov	136	864			
22-Nov	122	986			
29-Nov	89	1075			
6-Dec	112	1187			
13-Dec	103	1290			
20-Dec	102	1392			
27-Dec	60	1452			

NOTE: Weekly shipments shown are movement from U.S. inland packing packing sheds or ports as reported by Market News Service. It is not U.S. Commerce Department data.

**PERU IMPORTS THROUGH VARIOUS
EAST COAST PORTS OF ENTRY
MONTHLY ONION SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP - 400 CWT**

	Truck	Total To Date
<u>2003</u>		
August	3	3
September	148	151
October	443	594
November	482	1076
December	414	1490
<u>2004</u>		
January	206	1696
February	45	1741
Total	1741	

NOTE: Monthly shipments shown are movement from U.S. inland packing packing sheds or ports as reported by Market News Service. It is not U.S. Commerce Department data.